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Dr. Allen The New Editorial Secretary

At a called meeting of the Sunday School Board in Nashville January 10, Dr. Clifton J. Allen, Nashville, was unanimously elected editorial secretary of the board succeeding Dr. W. R. White, who recently resigned to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Austin, Texas.

Dr. Allen came to the board July 1, 1937, while Dr. Hight C. Moore was editorial secretary as his associate. During these years his work on the different periodicals of the board has clearly demonstrated his ability and skill as a writer, as an editor, and a denominational leader. He is well qualified educationally, being a graduate of Furman University in his native state of South Carolina, and a Th.M. and Th.D. graduate of the Southern Seminary, where he was a fellow in Greek during his course of study. Before coming to the board, Dr. Allen served as pastor of the First church of Fairmount, N. C., and of the Western Avenue church of Statesville, N. C.

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DR. DODD REPORTS

Dr. M. E. Dodd, General Director

In my first statement on the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade, I said: "At heart Southern Baptists are still evangelistic." That, notwithstanding their declining record on evangelism for several years. Now, after six months, I can confirm that statement with emphasis. I have personally met more than one hundred thousand Southern Baptists in every part of our Convention territory from Baltimore to Los Angeles, from Oklahoma City to Atlanta and, with only two or three exceptions, I have found our people interested, eager, even enthusiastic over the Crusade.

In my forty years of denominational work I have never felt a finer re-

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Baptist Institutions To Receive Major Part Of Mrs. Bottoms' Estate

The estate of the late Mrs. George W. Bottoms, who died at her home in Texarkana, Ark., on December 21, will approximate one million dollars, though it may fall slightly below this amount. With the exception of \$150,000 bequeathed to relatives and friends, the entire estate is left to several Baptist institutions which received her support during her lifetime.

According to the will the sum of \$140,000 was left to eleven (11) causes, including schools, orphanages and mission work. After the above payments have been made to relatives and the 11 institutions mentioned, the remainder of the estate is to be paid

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RUSSIAN BAPTISTS THANK AMERICANS



Criswell Is Radio Speaker

Dr. W. A. Criswell, of Dallas, Texas, the Baptist Hour speaker for next Sunday morning, January 21, is rated as one of the most attractive and effective youth speakers in the nation, being in constant demand for assemblies and other youth meetings, according to S. F. Lowe, of Atlanta, Georgia, director of the radio committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

His subject will be "Victorious Surrender."

Dr. Criswell is successor to the late Dr. George W. Truett of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, having recently accepted this responsibility, having come from the First Baptist Church of Muskogee, Okla.

His Baptist Hour message will be broadcast next Sunday morning at 7:30 Central War Time and can be heard in Mississippi over Stations: WCBI, Columbus; WSLI, Jackson; WSM, Nashville, Tennessee; and KWKH, Shreveport, broadcasts at 7:15 a. m. Sundays.

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Secretary Stettinius Says "Mr. Newton Was Not Seeking Information In Good Faith"

Mr. Newton Requests Sen. Connally to Initiate Investigation of Vatican Envoy

Under date of December 14, 1944, Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., wrote Senator Tom Connally, chairman Committee on Foreign Relations, United States Senate:

"I have for acknowledgement your communication of December 4, 1944, enclosing an inquiry from Mr. Louie D. Newton of Atlanta, Georgia, concerning the staff of Mr. Myron Taylor at the Vatican.

"For your information, the Department has been receiving, both directly and by reference, communications of this

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Southern Baptist Executive Committee (above) receiving cablegrams from Russia. Left to right: Dr. J. E. Dillard, Promotion Secretary; Dr. Louie D. Newton, Chairman, Southern Baptist Kit Campaign; Dr. J. Howard Williams, President Executive Committee; Dr. Austin Crouch, Executive Secretary; and Dr. Walter M. Gilmore, Recording Secretary. Picture at right, Rev. M. Orlov, Pastor Baptist Church, Moscow.

(Photo Courtesy Life Magazine)

Our State Mission Possibilities And Program

By E. D. Hurst, Prominent Layman Laurel, Miss.

Mississippi Baptist leaders now have in the making one of the most far-reaching mission and enlistment programs ever set up for our Baptist state work. Pastors, churches and local associations are the factors by which and through which the work will be undertaken. These will be reinforced by our schools and colleges in and through the use of their facilities and trained personnel. Also, district pastors and special workers will contribute much to the schedule of work planned. These facilities and personnel provide the most potential force that can be aligned and directed in a Christian crusade in evangelism and in church and Christian-stewardship.

In the beginning every denominational leader and pastor and every helper should get an understanding and comprehensive view of our resources in personnel in facilities and in financial strength. A map of our state and a statistical tabulation of our numbers and a summary of our organizational programs and objectives will endow us with a vision of our Christian resources for a religious crusade.

Mississippi Baptists have more than three hundred thousand church members in more than fifteen hundred churches and more than six hundred pastors. These have a potential

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American Baptists' Gifts Wiped Tears Away

GERMAN VANDAL ATROCITIES TOWARD RUSSIANS EVIDENT EVERYWHERE.

By Louie D. Newton, Chairman Southern Baptist Kit Campaign for Russia

Cablegrams from Moscow, dated December 5th and 8th, 1944, and signed by Yakov Zhidkov, chairman, Council of Evangelicals and Baptists of the Soviet Union, and by other officials of the council, including M. Orlov, a former chairman, and pastor of one of the largest Baptist churches in Moscow, express the appreciation of Russians generally, and Russian Baptists particularly, for the 175,000 kits already received from Southern Baptists' and now being distributed to the war-stricken people in Russia. I quote from these cables:

"This contribution, in addition to the immeasurably greater aid sent by Russian War Relief as a whole, is especially dear to us as coming from our brothers in Christ. We, the all-union Council of Evangelicals and Baptists, have received innumerable responses to this aid from our brothers who have suffered from the war and we wish to express our gratitude and acknowledgments to Russian War Relief and assure you that this labor of love on the part of the contributors has not been in vain, but has reached many and many who have suffered from the great need and has aroused in the hearts of many who have received aid from the Russian War Re-

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Sparks & Splinters

Watch for the "Buddy Envelope Plan"! It may be a secret now, but it will be divulged soon!

Notice to contributors: Please sign every communication you send to The Baptist Record, whether news note, or article or bulletin with news items in it, or Sunday school and Training Union attendance, or what not. Do not sign simply "Reporter," or "Pastor," or "Such and such a church." If you do not want the name to appear in print, make your request accordingly. Thank you.

Several pastors have said that they would send the Record to their members in the armed service, but keeping addresses correct would be too much trouble. The Baptist Record takes care of that trouble. Send us their names and addresses and future changes of address come to us through the post office department.

Chaplain (Capt.) William M. Bowman has served 17 months on sea duty. During the past five months he has had a total attendance of 65,544 at religious services. (Editor's note: Capt. Bowman was pastor in Waltham county before becoming a chaplain.)

The 1944 financial report of the First church, Canton, Rev. C. Z. Holland, pastor is a challenging one. The budget totalled \$16,000 but receipts were \$24,153. Receipts were divided 37% to local expenses, 30% for building and improvement and 33% for missions and benevolences. The church now has \$12,017 invested in government bonds to use if and when. The 1945 budget totals \$25,000 as compared with \$16,000 for 1944.

Points for Emphasis by Hight C. Moore, published annually by the Sunday School Board is as good as ever. Dr. Moore can get more out of a few verses than any other Sunday school lesson writer. Teachers as well as students should have it. It is small enough for the pocket. The price is 40c and orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store.

Forty-five members of the Gulf Coast Association met in the First Baptist Church, Gulfport, for the initial monthly meeting which will be held during 1945. Rev. W. S. Allen, pastor of Pass Christian and Bay St. Louis, will have charge of the Sunday school work for the association for the year. Mrs. N. H. Eudaly, educational director of the Gulfport church, will serve as director of the Training Union work in the association. A supper was served in the recreation room followed by announcements by Rev. Allen and Rev. G. C. Hodge, pastor of First Baptist Church, Biloxi. Conferences were conducted by Mrs. E. B. Morris, Mrs. R. H. Washington, Jr., Mrs. A. G. Thomas, Dr. Henry T. Brookshire, and Rev. G. C. Hodge. After the conference a mass meeting for promotional work for the Training Union was led by Mrs. Eudaly. Dates for the major events for the year were presented and passed. Rev. G. C. Hodge, recently returned from the state board meeting in Jackson, reported on the progress of the Baptist Hospital building campaign. The next meeting will be February 13, in the First Baptist Church, Gulfport.

Our Sunday school at Carson Ridge, Winston county, is improving rapidly. On January 14 we had 36 adults, 16 Intermediates and 16 Juniors. Our offering amounted to \$3.39.—Loree Proctor, secretary.

Maxine Ledbetter of Enon church, Panola county, has read the Training Union Bible readings without missing a day for three years.—Reporter.

We had six additions at Watts Memorial, Pascagoula, on January 14.—J. F. Brantley, pastor.

Rev. James E. Drane, pastor of McCall church at McCall Creek, writes that the church is planning to send the Record to all their men in the armed services. He writes: "The work at McCall Creek is growing and we find the EVERY FAMILY Plan a great help in making it grow. We can't think of anything better to do for our boys in service than to pray for them and send them The Baptist Record."

West Point: Total contributions for the year ending December 31 amounted to \$36,086.82. This smashed all previous records. Nearly half the amount was given during the last quarter of the year. We have 236 tithers this year whereas we had 184 last year. Increased contributions as follows comes from the faithfulness in tithing: Receipts 1940—\$10,076; 1941—\$13,221; 1942—\$17,151; 1943—\$25,571 and 1944—\$36,086.—Leon Macon, pastor.

Ninth and O church at Louisville, Kentucky, M. D. (Red) Morton, pastor, plans to build as soon as conditions permit. They already have \$45,000 for this purpose.

Chaplain Vincent B. Appleton writes from the Netherlands East Indies that his address be changed so that he may continue to receive The Baptist Record. He also writes: "I was fearful lest a depressive spirit permeate the holiday season and the worship services. The many packages from home and the fine dinner on Christmas Day helped a lot. There was a reverent and worshipful manner in the way our Lord's birthday was observed and the Christmas carol songfest was well attended."

Rev. Loyd T. Shelton of Crowder church recently sent in a list of their service men. They want The Baptist Record to go to them so they can keep up with religious affairs. This is a progressive step, and congratulations are due the church and the pastor.

Dr. G. Kearnie Keegan, pastor of the First church, Longview, Tex., is to become pastor of the Temple church, Los Angeles, Calif. Temple church has long been searching for a man who can successfully carry the burdens of that great institution. Dr. Keegan is young, able and consecrated. His church in Texas has a membership of 3,600, and Dr. Keegan has proved himself not only an able preacher, but an extraordinary leader. He succeeds Dr. Ralph Walker, who is now pastor of the First church, Portland, Oregon.

Liquor drinking in England is increasing among girls and women as rapidly as it is in the United States. We way win the war and enter on a period of great prosperity, but what will it profit us if our young women go down the road to destruction? The Cambridge Daily News (England) quotes Lady Snowden as saying: "In a twelve-minute walk from Victoria Station recently, I saw no less than 33 young women intoxicated."—Watchman-Examiner.

C. J. Olander reports that Grenada First has contributed \$2,000 and Winona First \$332 to the hospital enlargement campaign.

Bethel church, Newton county, has 28 Record readers instead of 17 as listed in a recent issue of The Baptist Record.

Dr. Archibald C. Cree, of Salisbury, N. C., former executive secretary-treasurer of the Georgia Baptist Convention, and well known throughout the Southern Baptist Convention for his connection with the Home Mission Board, passed away December 15. Dr. Cree had retired from an active pastorate some years ago, but supplied in several of the large Baptist churches in the East and South, and recently preached in Atlanta.

For Christmas the Berean class of First church, Grenada, presented a pen and pencil to their teacher, J. B. Perry, as an expression of their esteem and appreciation for his faithfulness. Mr. Perry has been connected with the church since 1888, serving as teacher of the class for twelve years. He was ordained as a deacon in 1894 and for five years was superintendent of the Sunday school. He has taught in the adult department for 35 years. In his 57 years association with the church he has given thousands of dollars, many days of his time and his talents toward the advancement of kingdom work.—J. K. Avent.

Rev. M. C. Waldrup, a former associational missionary in Riverside Association and until recently an army chaplain, has accepted the pastorate at Liberty. He succeeds Rev. C. M. Day who went into the chaplaincy. He writes: "We moved to Liberty on January fourth. The first thing that caught our eye was a newly decorated house, and fresh paint everywhere. The next thin gwe saw was a well-filled pantry, including baked pies and dressed chicken."

Total receipts of First church, Jackson, Dr. W. A. Hewitt, pastor, for 1944 were: \$102,724.41. Of this amount \$18,912 was used for salaries, \$6,458 for current expense, \$6,590 for building services and incidentals. Missions and benevolences, including the Co-operative Program, Now Club, Blue Mountain and Mississippi College endowments and other designated funds totaled \$45,971. \$24,362 was paid on the bond sinking fund. The total debt is now \$4,500 and the church expects to pay that during the month of January.

Rev. E. D. Estes has sent a nice club of subscriptions from Pine Bluff church, Clay county. Rev. E. T. Putnam of Calhoun City is pastor.

Bolton: Our hospital enlargement campaign offering totaled \$70. Our pastor is Dr. A. A. Kitchings of Clinton.

We are still happy that all our churches are Baptist Record churches. The Record is the only assistant pastor I have. It makes a good one. It inspires my members to greater work. They often call my attention to articles in The Baptist Record.—J. H. Sherman.

Harmony Baptist Church in Clarke county has gone half-time, and with Oak Ridge, an adjoining half-time church, has called Rev. L. B. Simmons as pastor. Rev. Simmons is attending B. B. I. in New Orleans. He plans to move on the field at the close of the present school year.—G. H. Scott, reporter.

Preaching for the annual Pastors' Conference at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, March 13-16, will be Dr. Norman Cox, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Meridian, Miss.

West Laurel expects the Lottie Moon offering to be more than \$300.

Yesterday is a canceled check; tomorrow is a promissory note; today is ready cash—spend it wisely.—Typographic.

West Laurel church made a love offering of \$410 to the retiring pastor, Rev. Gerald Riddell, who leaves soon for Colombia, South America, where he will serve as a missionary.

J. B. Sargent, church clerk of Concord church, Choctaw county, recently sent a nice club of new and renewal subscriptions.

E. L. Stanton, church clerk of Morrison Chapel church, has sent in the renewal list of 30 names. This kind of friendship helps to keep our circulation above the 48,000 mark.

Rev. Joe Cruse, who went to Texas a few months ago, because of his wife's health, writes that she is much improved and that he would like to return to Mississippi as a pastor. Any interested church may write him at P. O. Box 1072, Grand Prairie, Texas. We hope some good church calls him. He is a good man.

The Baptist Record is grateful to Mrs. A. R. Dunkley for a list of 18 subscriptions from McLaurin church. Such friends have enabled The Baptist Record to have a circulation of more than 48,000 each week.

President Ellis A. Fuller of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary has been elected a member of the administrative committee of the Baptist World Alliance to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. George W. Truett, Dallas, Texas.

"Southern Baptists have never undertaken a more worthy task than that of winning one million souls to Christ in connection with their centennial celebration. The challenge is so big that all agencies, boards, institutions, churches and individual Christians should pray together and work together for its accomplishment."—Ellis A. Fuller.

Mississippi's contributions to South-wide causes according to the December report of Secretary Austin Crouch were as follows: Co-operative Program \$10,695.40; Designated \$2,021.02 or a total of \$12,716.42. Total contributions for the month from all states amounted to \$337,746.65. Total contributions for the year were \$4,277,492.30, which is an increase over 1943 of \$31,551.01.

The following have been recent visitors to The Baptist Record office: Floyd Fletcher and Jay Brown, McDonald, Leake county; Dr. Walter L. Johnson, Philadelphia; Rev. G. C. Hodge, Biloxi; Rev. B. E. Craft, Jackson; John A. Farmer, 242 Holland Building, Fresno 1, California; Harry Smallwood, Laurel; Rev. J. B. Parker, Ripley; Robert Dixon, Clinton; Dr. W. E. Greene, Newton; Rev. Martin V. McKinster, Newton; Rev. J. D. Walker, Calhoun City; Rev. G. W. Smith, Harpersville; Rev. W. C. Howard, Water Valley; Rev. B. H. Benton, Taylorsville; J. F. Sullivan, Raymond; Rev. R. L. Wallace, Raymond; Rev. O. B. Beverly, Flora; Rev. James B. Ray, New Albany; Rev. D. O. Horne, Monticello.

The minutes of the Jasper County Association show a total membership of 2,222 in the 15 churches; 17 revival meetings held; 938 enrolled in Sunday school; total contributions \$2,588.53; gifts to the Co-operative Program \$1,317.24, and 132 tithers. W. J. Shoemaker is clerk.

Pine Bluff church, Clay county: Although our church is small we have made an offering of \$8.05 for the Baptist Hospital enlargement campaign.

Mississippi Baptists---Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails," 1. Cor. 13:8b

"When Jesus saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them," Matthew 9:35-36.

THE HOSPITAL FUND

The City of Jackson has gone "over-the-top" and passed its goal of \$100,000, by raising mostly in cash the sum of \$105,287. Other contributions will come.

The state at large has paid or pledged at this date approximately \$60,000.

It will greatly help us get this campaign behind us in victory, if all church treasurers will send to the Convention Board office all monies in hand, Monday, January 29, immediately after the last Sunday of the month. Mississippi Baptists and their friends, as always, are noble in this manner.

FOR 1945

Solace for care and strength for each task.

"I do not wish for thee or me

Pathways devoid of toil and care:
I simply pray that we may see
His goodness round us as we fare.

"So, as we face this strange new year,
Fraught with its unveiled mystery,
Let's enter in with naught of fear
For He has promised victory!"

"For He has promised---what more
need we ask---"

CHESTER E. SWOR.

"When Jesus saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them."

IMPORTANT PROCEDURE

The Convention Board desires to help the largest number of churches possible with monies available. They do want appropriations to bear fruit for Christ, and rightly so! Proof: All but TWO pastoral evangelism requests were granted. All but FOUR building aid requests have already been passed favorably, and a further study is desired of these. It is probable that these four will be aided. Thus we see revealed the Christian spirit of the Convention Board and Executive Committee. **NOTE:** All applications to the Convention Board, for all causes, must be in the Convention Board office by December 1. Checks to pastor aid, B. S. U., and Service Center personnel are mailed only upon receipt of a written report of work done the preceding month. Checks are then mailed the 10th of the following month. Building aid is paid at the end of the year in December upon receipt of a statement from the given church to the effect that the work is completed, or, at least well under way. When a church does not qualify for aid granted for a given year it may not be carried over into the following year, but a new application must be filed if aid is expected.

The Board has to be business-like, for requests come for aid to union churches, "anti" churches, and churches of other denominations. Requests come for payment of granted aid on buildings that are never built. The King's business requires business methods.

Last week the Executive Committee met to handle the largest number of referral matters in many years. Members were in fine spirit. All matters were given careful attention and the work greatly advanced. Enlistment pastors were continued as at present, as were appropriations in the Service Men's department. A committee was selected to obtain a music director. The preachers' school is being planned at C. M. C. Practically every request for both building and pastoral evangelism was granted in whole or in part. Every request from some twenty associations was granted in whole or in part looking toward an association pastor. Provision was made for pastoral work in two of the state hospitals. Plans were laid for larger helpfulness in the Negro work. Aid was given Chinese in the delta.

The Board had already provided for stewardship conferences, regular departments, the evangelistic conference, retirement plan, Indian work, Brotherhood secretary, B. S. U. secretary, most of the pastoral and building aid, etc.

The great advance is made possible by your love and loyalty to Christ in support of Judean (state) missions. Let us keep it up and we will go on after this Mississippi of ours for Christ.

The recent Conventions have been great! Board meetings have been great! We believe our Executive Committee to be unexcelled in spirit, and in performance! A great Saviour produces a great people! Let us keep the devil out of it all! Keep Christ in it all! Doxology! **MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS ARE ON THE MARCH!**

"When Jesus saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them."

The developing of any worthwhile plan depends upon the purpose in mind, that of building machinery, or ships, or houses, a life, shaping a nation, developing a church, or bringing in the Kingdom of God. Everything God Almighty does has a purpose. With Him there is no lost motion. Some purposes of God are seen in the following scriptures: "God in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself." "The church of God which He hath purchased with His own blood." "Whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son," and "We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, whom God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." God works toward the saving of the lost, building His church, making the saved to be more and more like Jesus, and leading His people in good works. His purpose includes the development of leaders and the development of followers.

The dictionary tells us that the term "organization" means "to put into working order." God is certainly working toward getting His followers and His churches into working order. Some people do not believe in organization, meaning, evidently, they do not want to be put into working order. The dictionary further tells us that the term "plan" means "outline." To plan a sermon, a life, a program, or a service is simply to outline it. The term "purpose" means "that which one desires to attain."

Translate these terms and definitions into Centennial Crusade efforts. One purpose is to win a MILLION souls to Christ. Forget goals for a moment. In Mississippi we have 700 pastors. Suppose they each won one person to Christ each week for 50 weeks of the year. That would mean 35,000 persons won to Christ. Is that too much to expect of any full time worker in the service of the Lord Jesus? We believe many of our fine pastors will dedicate themselves in service this year. We have 1,500 Sunday school superintendents in Mississippi Baptist churches. Suppose each one won one person to Christ each month for ten months of the year. That would mean 15,000 more persons won to Christ. Is this too much to expect of a Sunday school superintendent out of each month? In addition we have 800 Training Union directors and 2,500 Training Union leaders, total 3,300, suppose each of these won one person a month, for ten months of the year. That would mean 33,000 more persons won to Christ. As leaders, why not dedicate ourselves in a practical and definite way to this task? In the above groups, we have as yet said nothing about hundreds of W. M. U. leaders, Brotherhood leaders, B. S. U. leaders, Vacation Bible school leaders, class and department officers, deacons, etc. **IT CAN BE DONE!**

We are talking, as Southern Baptists, about giving \$20,000,000 in 1945 to all causes of Christ beyond the local church. We number 5,000,000 Southern Baptists. That means we are averaging a little less than \$4 per year, per Southern Baptist. That is a little less than \$2 per six months, per Southern Baptist. This is approximately \$1 for each three months, or 33 cents a month. This is one penny a day. Yet, we talk about the above goal as being stupendous, colossal and mammoth in size!

Some of us have heard that the purpose of God in election is "to save the most people in the shortest time." Is that the way in which your church is geared up namely, "to win the most people in the shortest possible time"? Is that the way your Sunday school, your missionary society, your training union, and your Brotherhood are geared up?

We still say we need to catch up with the plans and purposes of God, rather than being so much afraid that we will get ahead of Him. He is so far ahead of most people they do not even see His dust! **MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS ARE ON THE MARCH!**

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We saw the picture of a weather vane on a church building and thought, "How true it is. We can tell which way the wind is blowing by the sort of a church we have." If the church is listless, cold, indifferent, without a program, not knowing the way it is going, we know the wind is blowing toward sin, worldliness, lawlessness, unhappiness, and hell. If the church is active, spiritual, careful to chart its course by the New Testament, the wind is blowing toward soul winning, happiness, consecration and heaven. Study your church and see which way the wind is blowing!

Some people are thoughtless indeed in the matter of setting the hour for holding funerals. As a rule, the family and funeral director set the hour without consulting the pastor who, after all, is to have an important part in the service. The pastor's plans are frequently tangled because simple Christian courtesy is not exercised. Certainly any man with a pastor heart will do his best to fit into the needs. He has many other vital duties, however.

"When Jesus saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them."

Some individuals are always coming along to refresh us. Pastor Leon Macon, West Point, is one of those among others coming into our work from another state and playing the game according to all the rules. He was a good board member at his first meeting. He is pressing forward in all the work. His great church has given over \$2,200 in the hospital Christmas offering and they now look to \$3,000 cash by the time you read this. Mr. Roger Pryor is the fine church treasurer. Such pastors, treasurers, and churches refresh us in the spirit of Christ! And, we have others!

Philadelphia Baptists, dynamic always, under the leadership of Dr. Walter L. Johnson, experienced by far their best year in 1944. A lot of folks were won to Christ, and still more enlisted. They gave over \$40,000 to all causes, \$15,000 of this amount going for missions. Here is another pastor who came to us from out of the state, and immediately identified himself with the association and state work, playing the game according to all the best rules.

We are happy to welcome into our Baptist family two new department heads.

Miss Edwina Robinson comes as Executive Secretary to W. M. U. Noble women have gone before. Miss Edwina will continue as an outstanding leader in our midst. The W. M. U. is a great force for Christ!

Rev. A. B. Pierce comes as secretary to the Baptist Foundation. He adds strength to our Baptist family.

We pledge our hearty cooperation to both these workers and wish for them every success in Christ Jesus!

A CORRECTION: Our attention has been called to the fact that New Salem Baptist Church, Columbus Association, gave a total according to our books, of \$285, to the Now Club. A mistake in the printed list for 1942 was the occasion of the error. We are always happy to correct such errors.

"When Jesus saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them."

After all these years we occasionally make reference to the 75 Million Campaign, so we may be pardoned for an occasional reference to the much more recent Now Club campaign. Have you had time really to study the list of contributions by churches which appeared in December 7 issue of The Baptist Record? Nearly 1,200 of our 1,500 Mississippi Baptist churches con-

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WORTHY AND CHALLENGING GOALS FOR MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

1. Every Mississippi Baptist Church contributing through the Cooperative Program.
2. A summer assembly.
3. A full-time worker with the Negroes.
4. Two rural evangelists instead of one.
5. A full-time Indian worker.
6. A Baptist Building in Jackson.
7. Associational missionaries.
8. Enlarged soldier work.
9. The Baptist Record in every home.
10. A Sunday school, a Training Union, a Woman's Missionary Union and a Brotherhood in every church.

A WORTHWHILE BOOK

On another page will be found an advertisement of the book, "The Trail of Blood." Every reader of The Baptist Record would profit by reading this book. It will make weak Baptists strong and strong Baptists stronger.

Our former brother pastor, Rev. Clarence Walker of Lexington, Kentucky, who is promoting the book is doing it as a labor of love. The price is only 25c but the benefits are priceless.

The fact that the second edition of 25,000 is already exhausted and a third edition is being printed attests to the wide-spread interest in the book.

WHAT ABOUT OTHER COUNTRIES?

Rome (By Wireless to RNS)—Pope Pius' talk to a group of American congressmen here, in which he stressed freedom in practicing religion, is believed to be of exceptional importance in view of

the Vatican's concern over the future of the Roman Catholic Church in Russia.

From the above RNS news dispatch we learn that the Pope is concerned over religious freedom in Russia.

May we suggest that he enlarge the list, Italy for instance. South America is charged with hampering Protestant and Baptist activities.

So far as we know every country where the Catholics are in the majority favors the Catholics and makes it hard for others.

It has been charged that when Italy conquered Ethiopia all non-Catholic missions were prohibited.

So while being interested in religious liberty where it will benefit his church, we hope the Pope will practice religious liberty where his faith is in the majority and where he can practice what he preaches.

WHO CARES?

Recently we wrote to Dr. A. C. Reid (one of our teachers during our undergraduate days) at Wake Forest College a letter commending a recent article of his. His reply is so thought-provoking that at the risk of being accused of egotism we share his letter with our readers and urge that it be read and reread until the ideas expressed become a part of the reader.

"I am grateful to you for your kindness in writing me a word of approval of the article on Christian Education. Your letter is all the more emphatic, in that it is the second one I have received concerning the article.

"It is not that our people do not write that disturbs me; the fact that they seem to be almost utterly indifferent to existing situations make me shudder.

"For example, who cares, or even knows, how many Baptist colleges have folded up within the last twenty-five years, how many are now almost 'on the rocks,' and how many are becoming eclipsed in physical equipment and academic standards by secular institutions?

"Moreover, who seems to be concerned about the shifting of ecclesiastical bones from one theological cemetery to another and the preaching of 'current topics' or third-rate books in the secular field, when there is available the boundless wealth of the Eternal Christ?

"Furthermore, who seems to realize that, unless Protestantism wakes up, it will be supplanted by Catholicism within the next one hundred years?

"Again, thank you for your kindness. You have always been disposed to go the second mile in

energy and graciousness.

"With all good wishes always,
I am

"Cordially yours,

"A. C. REID."

—BR—
GOD BLESS AMERICA?

Louisville, Ky.—"Name" brands of Bourbon whisky will be manufactured during the January "holiday" of the alcohol industry, Louisville distillers disclosed Thursday. The grain essential to the drink has been made available to distillers, and they say they will spend most of their 30-day "holiday" in capacity production to renew the country's dwindling Bourbon stock.

While millions are hungry and other millions risk their lives and thousands die daily our government permits grain that is needed for other purposes to be used to produce a poison that is guaranteed to destroy homes, maim bodies, cripple production, produce pain, shatter nerves, cause empty pocket books and empty stomachs, create want and waste.

And this is the country that God is asked to bless.

Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

WRITING FOR THE BAPTIST NEW MEXICAN By The Editor, Harold E. Dye

This is not supposed to be a treatise on good journalism. Neither is it a discourse on literary style. It is just a short article printed with the hope that it will be found useful to pastors and church reporters. If this outline is carefully read and followed, 1945 will see a better Baptist New Mexican.

The staff of The Baptist New Mexican has twin desires: to serve our Lord, and to serve the Baptists of New Mexico. They are inextricably woven together. We cannot do one without doing the other. Because this is your paper, we solicit your news stories for its columns. In reader interest, the most important two pages of the paper are the pages containing the short news items from the field. Your church should be represented there frequently. Get the news to us as quickly as possible, remembering that the story loses value as time passes. Write plainly, typewritten if possible, and answer in your brief story these questions: Who, what, how, when, why, where? Do not leave any one of them out. Get names and initials absolutely right. Never send in a news item saying "Reverend Jones went to town." Brother Jones has a first name, and probably a middle initial. He may have one of those fancy names like J. Frank Jones. Get his name right! Get everybody else's name in the story right. Then sign your own name (it need not be printed, and will not be if you so desire) but we cannot use unsigned news items.

In regard to editorial features (those expressing your own opinion) and longer articles, we must insist that they be typewritten, double spaced and on one side of the sheet. There is a typewriter in almost every

community, and a stenographer who will type out your manuscript for a few cents. If you think we are cranky about this matter, let us reason together. There are seventeen thousand words in every issue of The Baptist New Mexican. Every word has to be set in type. No copy is sent down to the linotype operator without being typewritten. If you do not send in your article typed, the editor has to do it for you, so he puts it in the basket to wait until he gets time. Consequently in the rush of work, and especially when good articles are always coming in ready to print, it may be a long time before the editor can possibly get to yours. We are just trying to be fair.

Poetry can rarely be used. There are many reasons. We do want to run a reasonable number of poems, but we can use them very seldom.

Our main need is for short news items about the people in your own church. Get them to us quickly. It is your Baptist New Mexican.—Baptist New Mexican.

(Editor's note: All the above applies to The Baptist Record.)

SUPT. CARPENTER AWARDS DIPLOMAS

W. C. Carpenter is doing a good job as superintendent of the Sunday school at Wiggins. He recently presented diplomas (four books) to the following: Misses Dorothy Cook and Ona Mae Willingham, Mesdames Obed Lott, P. Willemoes, Jr., Noah Bell, R. J. Watts, O. L. Bond and L. L. Varnado, Rev. and Mrs. N. J. Lee, R. J. Watts and W. C. Carpenter.

Supt. Carpenter is a Texan, a graduate of Baylor. He married Miss Pauline Thomas, daughter of Deacon and Mrs. R. B. Thomas. Mrs. Thomas is the efficient extension department superintendent. She not only looks after the Wiggins extensioners but also the 55 service men.

Rev. N. J. Lee is the pastor at Wiggins.

The Southern Baptist Press Association will hold its annual meeting at Hotel Lafayette, Little Rock, Arkansas, February 14-15, 1945. Editor Finley W. Tinnin of the Louisiana Baptist Message is president of the organization, and Editor Porter Routh of the Oklahoma Baptist Messenger is secretary. Editor C. E. Bryant of the Arkansas Baptist, who will be host editor, helped the officers plan the program at a meeting in Little Rock recently. Chief headliner among the speakers will be Prof. K. E. Wolsley of the Medill School of Journalism of Northwestern University, who will bring three lectures on religious journalism applied to the problems of the Southern Baptist editors. Editor Ferdie Deering of the Farmer and Stockman will speak on how to reach the rural readers. There will be other denominational speakers.

Under the leadership of Dr. M. E. Dodd, Shreveport, La., general director of the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade of the Southern Baptist Convention, thirty-five of the fifty-three churches in the Nashville (Tenn.) Baptist Association launched a simultaneous evangelistic campaign Sunday, January 14, to continue through January 28.

The W. M. U. of Watts Memorial church, Pascagoula, sent an offering of \$113.35 for their Lottie Moon Christmas offering.—Mrs. Lee Leggett, W. M. U. treasurer.

SECRETARY STETTINIUS SAYS "MR. NEWTON WAS NOT SEEK- ING INFORMATION IN GOOD FAITH"

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kind from Mr. Newton since the President first appointed Mr. Taylor as his personal representative to the Pope in 1939. His questions were answered, not once but many times. It developed, however, that upon receipt of a letter from the Department giving him the information requested, he invariably wrote immediately to pose the same question in slightly different words. Finally the Department was forced to the reluctant conclusion that Mr. Newton was not seeking information in good faith and that no purpose would be served in carrying the correspondence further.

"For your information, Mr. Harold Tittman and Mr. Franklin Gowan have been detailed from the Department to assist Mr. Myron Taylor in the many duties arising out of the present extraordinary situation in Italy. This government does not, of course, have an established diplomatic mission at the Vatican. As to American Relief for Italy, Inc., this private relief organization has been licensed by the President's War Relief Board. Mr. Taylor is the chairman of American Relief for Italy, Inc., which organization has no relation to UNRRA. Sincerely yours, E. R. Stettinius, Jr."

Senator Connally transmitted Secretary Stettinius' letter to Dr. Newton under date of December 27, 1944, with the following statement:

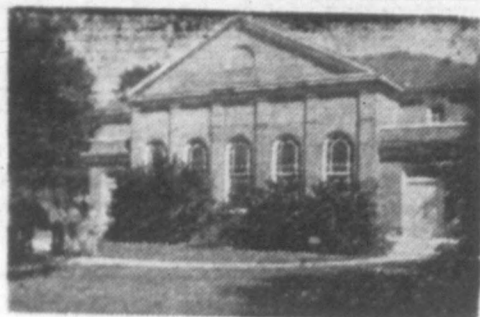
"I hand you herewith communication from the Department of State relative to the matter concerning the questions which you recently asked regarding a diplomatic staff at the Vatican. Assuring you of my sincere desire to be of assistance whenever the circumstances permit, I am, Sincerely, Tom Connally."

Under date of December 30, 1944, Dr. Newton wrote Senator Connally, as follows:

"Thanks for your letter of December 27, 1944, transmitting the letter of Secretary Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., Secretary of State, dated December 14, 1944, in which the Secretary of State accuses me of (quote) 'not seeking information in good faith.'

"Under separate cover, I am sending you complete file of correspondence between myself and the Department of State, beginning with my letter addressed to President Roosevelt, December 25, 1939.

"On the basis of the serious charge of Secretary Stettinius, that I was 'not seeking information in good faith,' I am



MILNER SCORES AT D'LO

Rev. H. A. Milner became pastor at D'Lo last October. Recently he brought the EVERY FAMILY list from that church, but that isn't all he has done since October.

In November Evangelist B. W. Walker assisted in a revival meeting. There were 29 additions. With the assistance of Mrs. J. D. Barron, a W. M. S. has been organized and a Training Union has been organized and plans made for a study course.

Pastor Milner is also pastor at Star and as our readers would expect, the EVERY FAMILY Plan is a part of their program.

Simpson county Record readers are listed as follows: Antioch 11, BRAXTON 46, COATS 11, D'LO 69, FORK 39, GOODWATER 17, HARRISVILLE 53, Jupiter 10, Kennedy Springs 8,

The total budget of First church, Jackson, for 1945 including conditional items of \$5,000 for the Cooperative Program, \$7,500 for Mississippi College, \$5,000 for Blue Mountain, \$5,000 for Baptist Hospital, and \$2,500 for Baptist Orphanage totals \$100,655. The following amounts are allocated: Salaries \$21,655; current expense, \$10,285; building service and incidentals \$9,705; missions and benevolences \$521,000, and church debt \$13,000.

Black Jack church, Yazoo county, Dr. A. A. Kitchings, pastor, gave \$265 to the Baptist Hospital enlargement campaign.

asking that you, as chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, immediately order a Senate investigation, first, of my requests for information relating to the President's appointment of Mr. Myron C. Taylor as his 'personal representative to the Vatican,' and, second, the status of the relations of our government to the Vatican. Thanking you for an early reply, I am, Sincerely, Louie D. Newton."

MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

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tributed to the debt-paying effort through the Now Club. That is victory in itself.

The four church leaders in Now Club support were as follows: Jackson First church, Dr. W. A. Hewitt, pastor, \$18,841.00; Walnut Grove, \$10,421.00. This church had three pastors during the course of the Now Club campaign. They were Dr. M. O. Patterson, Dr. R. B. Gunter, and Rev. G. W. Smith. Laurel First church, Dr. L. G. Gates, pastor, \$9,530.00; and Leland church, \$9,440.00. This church had two pastors during the course of the Now Club. They were Rev. James B. Leavell and Rev. Chester Quarles. We have a variety of types in these four leaders. First church, Jackson, is a giant in numbers, resources, building and equipment. Dr. Hewitt is one of the wisest pastors in our midst. Walnut Grove, on the other hand, is a town church with some rural people in its membership. The largest giver, in his modesty, states that others in the church gave more in proportion to their means. Laurel First church is a smaller type city church as to membership, but represents a very vigorous spiritual life and participation in all the work of Christ. Leland is a splendid delta church of a still smaller membership with a group of fine interested Christian men and women giving largely to all causes.

Another thing impressing us is the fact that the churches at Starkville, Columbus, Oxford and Cleveland, sites of state schools, gave not extravagantly but substantially to the Now Club campaign.

Churches of average size membership as Moorhead, Belzoni and Philadelphia gave quite large sums.

Churches of still smaller membership like Rosedale, Magee, Bay Springs and others gave good support to the Now Club campaign. In addition, many small rural churches gave from a few dollars each to a few hundred dollars each. Thus, this published list of contributions by churches is a great picture of Victory and Romance and Loyalty!



H. A. MILNER

MAGEE 90, MENDENHALL 87, MT. ZION 90, NEW ZION 19, OAK GROVE 21, PALESTINE 20, PINE GROVE 25, DRY CREEK 22, PINOLA 55, PLEASANT HILL 44, Pleasant Valley 9, Poplar Springs 2, Sanatorium 2, SHIVERS 34, Siloam 3, STONEWALL 27, STRONG RIVER 32, Weathersby 6, MACEDONIA 71, Spring Hill 12, County Line 1, Athens 1, Beulah 2.

DR. NEWTON APPROVES NO DEBT STAND

Dr. Louie D. Newton, prominent Southern Baptist, vice president of the Baptist World Alliance and pastor of Druid Hills church in Atlanta, Ga., writes to express his approval of the recent no debt stand of Mississippi Baptists. He says in part:

"I have just finished reading last week's Baptist Record, and I am delighted to note the courageous and wise action of Mississippi Baptists in refusing to go in debt for the new hospital building, but rather to raise the money and then erect the building.

"That is precisely what we are doing in Georgia, though our needs call for a million dollars. We have now more than \$300,000 in cash, and the reports are pouring in daily of overpaid quotas. The people like the plan, and they are showing by their actions that they prefer to raise the money now and stay out of debt tomorrow.

"You are getting out a great paper. I rejoice in the victory you have won in your circulation.

"The season's greetings."

—BR—

First Baptist Church, Shreveport, Dr. M. E. Dodd, pastor, is celebrating its centennial, February 11-18, 1945. The year 1944 was a good one for the church with 517 additions to the membership, 144 of which were by baptism, and over \$165,000 for all purposes.

THE TRAIL OF BLOOD OR A HISTORY OF BAPTIST CHURCHES FROM THE TIME OF CHRIST, THEIR FOUNDER, TO THE PRESENT DAY

Prices: One copy 25 cents, five copies \$1.00, 25 or more copies 15 cents each. Order from Pastor Clarence Walker, 808 Aurora Ave., Lexington 21, Ky. Pastor Walker says: The second edition of that great book "The Trail of Blood" by Dr. J. M. Carroll is now ready for distribution.

Dr. Carroll, the author, was not only a great leader among Texas Baptists, but an outstanding figure among Southern Baptists and of the world.

Years ago he came to my church, Ashland Avenue, Lexington, Ky., and delivered the messages found in this book. I became greatly interested in his studies.

Dr. J. W. Porter attended the lectures and was so greatly impressed that he asked Dr. Carroll to prepare them for publication along with the chart which illustrates the history so vividly. The first edition was soon sold out at \$1.00 each but I have had a second edition printed.

Not being interested in making money out of this book, but greatly desiring to spread the truths of the book I have arranged to sell it for the very low prices given above.

Dr. Carroll shows how and where departures from the truth took place. Pastors, please help me to distribute this wonderful book. It will strengthen the faith of your people.

RUSSIAN LEADERS EXPRESS THANKS FOR KITS FROM SOUTHERN BAPTISTS (Continued from Page One)

lief, for kits and other forms of aid."

Excerpts from second cable, based on observations by Chairman Zhidkov, following a trip through war-ravaged areas where kits are being distributed. war is over, the Association of Soviet "... We found that the Germans had broken up most of the communities and destroyed many of our churches. What affected me most was the orphaned children of peaceful citizens shot and tortured to death by the Germans. ... Germany wishes the name of its Fuehrer to overshadow the name of Christ. May the Lord preserve mankind from this. Four of my sons have joined the army and three have died in action. When the war is over, the Association of Soviet Evangelicals and Baptists have planned to publish a canonical Bible and start their own magazine. Signed: Yakov Zhidkov."

In his cable transmitting the above messages from the Baptist leaders in Russia, Mr. Leo Gruilow, Moscow representative of Russian War Relief, Inc., says:

"Stories about Southern Baptist kits have been carried in entire Soviet Press and Moscow News English-language papers."

REV. EDWARD L. BYRD PREACHES IN ST. LOUIS REVIVAL

The Southwest Baptist Church of St. Louis, Mo., took on new life during our recent revival meeting in which Brother Edward L. Byrd, pastor of Highland Baptist Church, Meridian, was the inspiring evangelist.

One of the outstanding services of the meeting was climaxed by two married couples coming forward to profess Christ. For many years there has been a strong bond of friendship between these two couples, and our people had been praying for their salvation for several weeks. The four of them are now planning to take our soul winner's training in preparation for winning our quota of 125, which we have adopted as our goal in the Centennial Crusade for one million souls.

Brother Byrd and I were schoolmates in Mississippi College and again in the seminary at Louisville, and it was a rare joy to have this fellowship as co-laborers in our meeting.—J. Edwin Hewlett, pastor, Southwest Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo.

—BR—

Clinton church, Dr. John Newport, pastor, has sent in a list of their service men with a request that The Baptist Record be sent to them as a part of the EVERY FAMILY Plan of that church.

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

OUR STATE OFFICERS

Recording Secretary—Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson, Miss.
Community Missions—Mrs. Levon Boyles, Laurel, Miss.
Vice-President—Mrs. Ned Rice, Charleston, Miss.

President—Mrs. Webb Brame, Yazoo City, Miss.
Executive Secretary—Miss Edwina Robinson
Stewardship—Mrs. J. B. Parker, Ripley, Miss.

Miss Study—Mrs. W. A. Bell, Jackson, Miss.
Margaret Fund Trustee—Mrs. D. R. Bowen, Cleveland, Miss.
Training School Trustee—Mrs. O. T. Robinson, Jackson

MEMORIAL PLANS

January 10, 1945

Dear W. M. U. Friends:

The first desire of the members of the Fannie Traylor Memorial Committee was to ascertain the trend of preference among the members of the 661 local societies in Mississippi—those women whose prayers, work and gifts actually bring to pass the achievements of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union. To this end and at the request of the committee, Mrs. G. W. Riley prepared the article which appeared on the front page of The Baptist Record of December 21, 1944. Likewise, at the committee's request and to the same purpose, Mrs. Ned Rice framed the letter which was mailed to each local society.

Responses have been most gratifying. Letters have come into the W. M. U. office from all parts of the state. Miss Robinson has gleaned ready expressions from those attending the institutes to date. There is a unanimity in these responses that leads your committee to feel that the report appended herewith is representative of a majority desire with regard to this matter of far-reaching import and eloquently indicative of the tender love and rare, beautiful esteem for Miss Fannie Traylor that lives in the hearts of Mississippi Baptist women.

Certain facts should be presented as a foreword to the committee's report. Following are some of the plans considered for this memorial:

- (1) Negro work. Already there is a fund for this work and there is in process a plan to make this a designated item, in adequate amount, in our State Mission offering that accompanies the Margaret Lackey season of prayer, that item to be honored with the name of Fannie Traylor.
- (2) Furnishings for the office of the W. M. U. executive secretary in the new Baptist building. One of the associations has asked to be granted the privilege of this tribute.
- (3) A portrait of Miss Traylor to be suitably placed in the W. M. U. unit in the new Baptist building. This privilege was claimed by the Executive Board of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union.
- (4) A unit in the Baptist Hospital. This last named plan has come to be the choice of your committee. That choice has been influenced by such considerations as the memory of Miss Traylor's desire to give first place always to the current objectives of our denomination; the opportunity that such a unit would offer as a channel for expression of comfort, cordial hospitality and warmth of love to a cross section of the people she loved; the conviction that in increasing numbers nurses graduating from our Baptist Hospital will go out to all parts of the world as missionaries. The strong, active Grace McBride Y. W. A. functioning among the student nurses insures a perpetual spirit of missions in our hospital. Furthermore, it is our hope that societies and auxiliaries in near-by associations will keep the unit alive and expressive of the spirit of Fannie Traylor by giving attention regularly to the

attractiveness of appointments in the hostess room, which will be recommended as a part of the unit, and by furnishing for the unit fresh, choice material for missionary reading.

After extended and prayerful deliberation, the members of the Fannie Traylor Memorial Committee desire to submit the following report:

We recommend that the women and young people of Mississippi Baptist Woman's Missionary Union establish a memorial to Miss Fannie Traylor, beloved former executive secretary, a unit in the Mississippi Baptist Hospital.

We recommend further that the fifth Monday in January (January 29) be observed in our societies as Fannie Traylor Memorial Day. It is our suggestion that opportunities be given in this special program for tributes to Miss Traylor and for the presentation of facts concerning our Baptist Hospital. This occasion would offer an opportune time for the presentation of Miss Robinson's pageant. Copies of this pageant and other material concerning our hospital may be secured free of charge from Dr. McCall's office.

We further suggest that no goal be set for this memorial fund, but that it consist entirely of voluntary, love gifts.

We would call attention to the importance of having all offerings sent in for this memorial fund clearly marked **Fannie Traylor Memorial**. The contributions are to be sent to Dr. McCall's office, Box 530, Jackson.

It is the hope of your committee that this memorial will strengthen the ties of love and fellowship that bind the hearts of Mississippi Baptist women and young people and that it will serve as an incentive to more effective and far-reaching service for the Christ to whom Fannie Traylor dedicated her life with complete abandon and devotion.

Respectfully submitted,
Fannie Traylor Memorial Committee:

Mrs. Ned Rice,
Mrs. G. W. Riley,
Mrs. A. J. Aven,
Mrs. J. H. Street.

(Note: Mrs. W. A. McComb being out of the state was not contacted but is being informed of the action taken by the committee.)

Help Earn a Bonus

Everyone likes to earn or to help earn a BONUS. Here is your chance. Between now and January 31st we are offered a substantial bonus if we reach our quota of 50,000 coupons on the following coupon bearing items: All Octagon soaps and powders, Rumford Baking Powder, Health Club Baking Powder, Luzianne Coffee and Tea and Ballard's Oblisk Flour. A second bonus of 50% extra will be paid on all coupons sent in, in excess of this 50,000 quota.

The time is limited, W. M. S. members, so do not delay. Get busy today and send your coupons to Mr. W. G. Mize, Baptist Orphanage, Box 1045, Jackson 109, Mississippi.

Have the satisfaction of having participated in this worthwhile cause

which not only helps the Orphanage but also benefits the W. M. S. camp activities.

Mrs. Sherrod Townsend,
Coupon Chairman.

My Appeal to You

I am appealing to the boys and girls in our churches—the Royal Ambassadors, the members of Girls' Auxiliaries and Sunbeam Bands—the finest group of young folk to be found anywhere—to do their best for Home Missions.

There are special reasons why you should pray with all earnestness for our Home Mission work, and give sacrificially and devotedly that this work may be greatly enlarged.

It is the will of Christ that the gospel be preached to all people. Christ died for all. He died for the Indians in Oklahoma as well as for the natives of Brazil, for the Negroes in Mississippi as well as for the Negroes in Africa. He loves all the people of every nation, kindred, tribe and tongue in every land, and it is His will that every one should have a chance to be saved.

I am appealing to you boys and girls to do what you can to give every one of every race in our homeland a chance to be saved.

I want you to help us preach the gospel to the Chinese in our homeland as well as to the Chinese in China. There are about 7,000 Chinese in our country who are our charge. I want you to help us, also, to preach the gospel to the 1,500,000 Mexicans, the 600,000 Italians, the 720,000 French, the 250,000 Indians, the 11,000,000 Negroes, the 2,500,000 Europeans, and the millions in Cuba, Panama and Central America.

It is a big task, but a glorious one. A task that will thrill the heart of every boy and girl in all of our churches. What a joy it will to all of us to give salvation to the lost millions around us!

The March Week of Prayer and Annie Armstrong offering give you a glorious chance to serve Christ in reaching the lost. Pray and give and the blessings of Christ be upon you.

Yours,

J. B. Lawrence,
Executive Secretary,
Home Mission Board of the S. B. C.

SOUTHWIDE CONVENTION CALENDAR Co-ordinated Denominational Activities

CENTENNIAL CRUSADE—

February—Stewardship Month:

- (1) Stewardship Sunday, February 11.
- (2) Student Evangelistic Week, February 11-17.
- (3) Church Schools of Missions and Stewardship.

—Southwide Evangelistic Crusade.

Crystal Springs: We enjoyed a great centennial year beginning with great crowds at all services on the seventh. There were 12 additions during the day, three by baptism and nine by letter.—Joe T. Odle, pastor.

MISSISSIPPI CALENDAR OF PRAYER

January 22—Rev. W. A. Bell, vice-president of Mississippi Baptist Convention; W. G. Mize, Superintendent, Baptist Orphanage.

January 23—Rev. Leon Macon, Clay county board member; Col. T. M. Hederman, Mississippi College Trustee.

January 24—A. J. Stacey, Blue Mountain College trustee; J. J. Denson, Woman's College Trustee.

January 25—H. W. Shirley, Board of Ministerial Education; Mrs. J. F. Kent, Baptist Hospital Trustee.

January 26—J. M. Evans, Orphanage Trustee; Dr. L. G. Gates, Committee on Temperance.

January 27—Dr. W. L. Holcomb, Clarke College trustee; Tom Brand, Brotherhood executive committee.

January 28—Judge Sidney Smith, Baptist Foundation Trustee; Rev. A. S. Johnson, Committee on Aged Ministers.

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DODD IS DISTURBED

Dr. M. E. Dodd, general director of the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade, has written in appreciation of the space being given stories on the Centennial Crusade by the state papers. Then he says:

"One thing disturbs me: The thought that material which thus goes out to our Baptist papers does not reach one-half of our Baptist people because they are not getting the paper.

"I have never felt so keenly the need for enlarged circulation of our Baptist papers. I wish EVERY church in the Convention would put its state paper in its budget, and EVERY Baptist home in the South would get the paper and read it. This would make the winning of a million souls much easier."

This new year, 1945, more than ever, The Baptist Record should go to every Baptist home.

—BR—

Abraham Lincoln Eisenhower of Upland, California, died Dec. 13 at the age of 79. He was a minister of the Brethren denomination and had retired from active service. His son, General Dwight D. Eisenhower is making history as leader of our armies in Europe. Another "preacher's bad boy!"—Western Recorder.

Copies of our Centennial marching song, "Forward, Baptist Comrades," are available for pasting in hymn books, price 50 cents per hundred. Write the author, Rev. Ernest C. Kolb, Loris, S. C.

Dr. H. H. Hobbs, Alexandria, La., has accepted the call to the Dauphin Way church in Mobile, Alabama.

"Dancing toes and a praying knee do not grow on the same limb."—Perry F. Webb, First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas.

Morgan City has already sent in to Baptist headquarters \$358.91 for the Mississippi Baptist building program.



MISSISSIPPIAN IS STUDENT SECRETARY IN VIRGINIA

Rev. Ralph Winders, Mississippian and until recently pastor of Emmaus church, Peninsula Association in Virginia, has been appointed Baptist Student Union secretary in Virginia.

Mr. Winders was born in Mississippi. He was graduated from the University of Mississippi with the B. S. degree in engineering, and from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary with the Master of Theology degree in 1939. Brother Winders is 32 years of age, very much interested in the Baptist Student Union work and has proved to be a friend and a very wise counselor for the young people in his church and his community.

Virginia Baptists are looking forward to his work in this field, and we believe it is going to be a blessing to the boys and girls in our colleges and universities, and strengthen the work of the denomination in this field.

Mrs. Winders is interested in religious education, having received her Bachelor of Science degree in 1937. They have one child, born August 18, 1944.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

Going Places is still embarrassed. Because of the rapidly growing circulation we have been unable to mention the churches that have sent EVERY FAMILY and official family lists. We are at least 100 behind. We had hoped to catch up by December but failed. We are printing this notice and asking our EVERY FAMILY and official family churches to be patient with us and we'll get there sooner or later.

—BR—
This "Buddy Envelope Plan"—what is it, anyway? Keep your eyes open as it will be coming your way soon.

Rev. Bryan Simmons supplied at Heidelberg on the first Sunday. Five were received by letter at the evening service. He found many of the "oil people" as well as many of the "home people" are as much interested in the advancement of the Master's Kingdom as they are in the advancement of the oil industry. Well-directed efforts are developing a standard Sunday school, B. T. U. and W. M. U. Plans are in the making for a modern church building and parsonage. This is a challenging opportunity for some man who is willing to roll up his sleeves and build for the future.

J. M. Gardner of Sebastopol is a faithful friend of The Baptist Record. He recently sent in a club of five.

SOME BY-PRODUCTS TO OUR CHURCHES FROM THE INSIDE ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN
William P. Phillips

It is, of course, understood that the primary purpose of an Inside Enlargement Campaign is to reach resident church members for Bible study. Bible instruction is vital to a strong verile Christianity. Some Jews in this country who were objecting to introducing Bible reading in the public schools were reminded that if it had been required in the public schools of Germany there might not have been inaugurated the terrible anti-semitic era in that country. Whether the Bible is read or taught in our public schools, our Baptist churches should see to it that it is taught to all of their members. In quest of this worthy objective there accrues some important by-products to churches undertaking an Inside Enlargement Campaign as proven by them. One of these is that

Other Than Church Members Are Reached

In the coming of church members for membership in the Sunday school others than church members are reached for Bible study. Without question in many instances the failure of church members to attend Sunday school provides a serious hindrance and stumbling block to others. Many of our church members not enrolled in Sunday school are parents of children. Their lack of interest in their failure to attend extends to their children and others in the home, including husbands, wives, relatives, friends, and even neighbors. In a study of several churches inaugurating a campaign to reach their members for the Sunday school the average is one non-church member is reached for every three church members that have been reached. In fact, one church, while reaching thirty of its members for Sunday school membership, during the same period, reached forty-four others for Sunday school membership who were not church members. This remarkable record could be duplicated by many other churches. Another by-product is

The Thrill of the Coming of New People

Any business concern delights over securing a new customer. The church delights in receiving new members. Just to see the "same old crowd" from Sunday to Sunday discourages and the situation grows stale in the class, department or school. The coming of new people to Sunday school is reassuring to classes, teachers, and members. It indicates that the school is alive, active, progressing and growing. These new faces add zest and fellowship and remind the regulars of their obligation to those yet to be reached and give them a greater respect for the church and its Bible school. The coming of more people is certain to

Increase the Financial Income

While this is of material nature, it is an important by-product. It is eloquent proof that church members who study the Bible give of their means more freely. Surely, the primary purpose of Bible study is not to get more money from our members. Bible study provides one with an accurate and greatly needed knowledge of the stewardship of his means or possessions, that they are the blessings of a bountiful heavenly Father and that the "Lord loveth a cheerful giver." Bible students give more cheerfully not only because of

their knowledge of a stewardship but because of a discovered need. The pastor of one church inaugurating an Inside Enlargement Campaign wrote as follows: "The new classes started as a result of our campaign have an interesting financial record. The combined offerings of the three new classes has amounted to \$54.94 each Sunday or a total of \$659.29 for twelve Sundays." What more convincing testimony could be offered?

Provides Additional Source of Workers

Eighty per cent of the membership of Southern Baptist churches do nothing. About 70 per cent of the enrollment of Southern Baptist Sunday schools are church members or a little less than half of the resident church membership of Southern Baptists. "The harvest is plenteous but the laborers are few." The only reliable and trustworthy source for workers in any church enterprise are the members of Young People's and Adult Bible classes. Fully 98 per cent of resident church members not enrolled in Sunday school are Young People and Adults. In most every case the Inside Enlargement Campaign demands and provides new classes. As these classes grow and bring into their membership additional church members, the study of the Bible creates a desire and obligation to serve. Here is an additional and fruitful source of workers so greatly needed by our churches. Our church rolls are heavy with the names of thousands who have lost the joy of service. Mutely their reply is "no man hath hired us." The Inside Enlargement Campaign in demanding more classes and departments provides more jobs and answers that cry.

Expresses Interest of Church in Its Own People

One pastor remarked that unenrolled church members of his church were harder to reach than any others. There is a reason for the absence of every church member from the Sunday school. Some cannot come, others do not care to come. There are other reasons, whether good ones or not. The Sunday school organization is obligated to reach every member of the church. Few churches other than those inaugurating an Inside Enlargement Campaign, do much to reach their resident church members for the Sunday school. They conclude that they ought to come, are difficult to reach and therefore dismiss them from their minds. Actually classes will work harder to reach prospects that are not church members. Church members are no harder to reach than others when attractive and adequate provision is made for them in the Sunday school and when they are gone after in the right spirit and an earnest and loving interest displayed toward them. They love Christ and their church, but lack of interest on the part of the church in them has developed a coldness and indifference which is deadening spiritually, causing a drifting into sinful indulgences.

The Inside Enlargement Campaign is truly a rescue effort of the church to its members and answers the prayer of many who cry as did the Psalmist, "Renew a right spirit within me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit." God forbid that our churches shall continue longer the neglect of their very own.

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????—What is the "Buddy Envelope Plan"? Watch for it! You will be seeing it soon!



DR. ELLIS FULLER

president, Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, is a featured speaker at Mississippi Baptist Evangelistic Conference, Clinton, on March 5-8, 1945.

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JOHNS STARTS RIGHT

A Baptist church was recently organized at Johns. Rev. L. G. Sansing, Brandon pastor, preaches in the afternoons. Being an old Baptist Record booster, Pastor Sansing started them off right by making The Baptist Record a part of their program.

Rankin county Record readers are listed as follows: ANTIOCH 52, Barefoot 2, BRANDON 46, BRIAR HILL 47, CATO 42, CLEAR BRANCH 75, PUCKETT 37, Concord 12, COUNTY LINE 49, EAST SIDE 8, Galilee 1, HICKORY RIDGE 22, JOHNS 9, LEESBURG 42, MIZPAH 32, MOUNTAIN CREEK 22, OAKDALE 37, PEARSON 21, PELAHATCHIE 67, PISGAH 43, REHOBETH 13, RICHLAND 54, ROCK HILL 14, STEEN'S CREEK 91, UNION 28, Whitfield 1, STAR 45, BETHEL 12, LIBERTY 17, Line Creek 1, Dry Creek 6, PEARL CITY 27.

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STUDENT PROGRAM PRESENTED AT SUMNER

A Student Night at Christmas program was presented at the Sumner Baptist Church Sunday evening, December 31. In spite of the inclement weather quite a number were present for the program which was participated in by high school and college students. An interesting interview was conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Pennebaker, who asked questions relating to campus religious life of Ann Lou Catledge, student at Delta State Teachers College, and Patsy Pearson of Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Va. Scripture passages were recited from memory by Bobbie Carr and Mary Blapche McMullen, Sumner high school students. A brief inspiring message, "If Christ Be Lifted Up," by the pastor brought the program to a close.—J. H. Pennebaker.

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DANISH CLERGYMAN USED AS "TRAIN HOSTAGE"

Stockholm (By Wireless to RNS)—Dean H. K. Hein, of Grenaa, Denmark, who was arrested last September, is now being used as a "train hostage," according to information here. The 49-year-old clergyman is among several prominent Danish leaders who are frequently forced to ride, hand-cuffed, behind barred windows in the forward cars of troop transport trains, to forestall sabotage by Danish patriots.

Home Mission Board

Trust The Lord And Tell The People

J. B. Lawrence, Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Joe W. Burton, Secretary Of Education

Rural Missions Extended

Extension of the Home Mission Board's rural mission program in co-operation with state mission boards to four new states recently makes a total of eleven states in which the program has been projected.

Acting upon the recommendation of Dr. Courts Redford, assistant executive secretary, following conferences which he had with state leaders, the Board extended its co-operative rural program to Arizona, Louisiana, Arkansas and Maryland.

This rural program, now in operation in eleven states, gives a south-wide approach to the spiritual problems of rural areas. The Home Mission Board has outlined a plan of attack on these rural problems, and in each state where it is in operation the work is maintained jointly by the Home Mission Board and the state mission board.

The states in which the work is now under way and the number of employed missionaries follow: Oklahoma, 7; Missouri, 2; Kentucky, 1; New Mexico, 6; Alabama, 2; California, 3; Illinois, 1; Arizona, 3; Louisiana, 7; Arkansas, 6; Maryland, 1, making a total of 39 workers in these eleven states.

January Preparation Points Toward Success in Evangelistic Crusade

Completion of a Southwide religious census and a week's study of soul-winning in the churches are the goals for January in the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade, according to Dr. M. E. Dodd, director.

This dual aim of a complete religious census of the entire south and enlistment of all Southern Baptist churches in the study of evangelism was set by Dr. Dodd and the Crusade staff as necessary preparation in the first month of a year of intensive soul-winning.

Now associated with Dr. Dodd in promoting and directing the Crusade is Dr. Fred C. Eastham, new superintendent of evangelism with the Home Mission Board.

Dr. T. L. Holcomb, who with the Sunday School Board forces is co-operating in the census, points out that the evangelistic possibilities in every community must be discovered as a first step toward success in reaching the Crusade goal of a million souls won to Christ in 1945.

"With this information in our hands," he said, "and a high and holy purpose in our hearts, we will go forth by the thousands to win the lost to Christ."

Following the completion of the census, scheduled for the first weeks in January, the logical next step, according to Dr. Dodd, is a period of study in the churches on how to win the lost.

"The gathering of a group of earnest students into a definite class within a designated period of time is the best way to stimulate study and implement for action," Dr. E. D. Head, president of Southwestern Seminary writes in the January issue of Southern Baptist Home Missions.

"Therefore," he adds, "a week of special study in evangelism is imperative for all who would engage triumphantly in the glorious quest for

souls."

Negro Mission Work

By J. B. Lawrence

There are in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention about 11,000,000 Negroes. About 8,000,000 of these Negroes claim no religious affiliation whatever. Catholics claim that they have won about 300,000 of these Negroes to their faith. This leaves 2,700,000 who belong to Baptist and Protestant churches. Three-fourths, or more, of these belong to Baptist churches.

There is a great opportunity for mission work among these Negroes. We must not, however, overlook the fact that it is one of the most difficult for two reasons at least: One is, the racial lines that are drawn in the thinking of our people, and another is because our Negro brethren have a well-organized denominational life of their own.

They have their national and state conventions and these conventions are well organized and have adequate leadership. In fact, when we think of the Negro ministry as being uneducated and untrained we must not include the leaders among the Negroes. Their leaders, the ones who direct their religious life, the men and women who head their organizations and are the officers of their conventions, are well educated, well trained, and intelligent.

They also have their denominational organizations as we have: Sunday school, B. T. U., W. M. U., boards, agencies, and institutions. All of these organizations, institutions, and boards are well manned by competent men and women.

They have their own literature: religious papers, Sunday school, B. T. U. and W. M. U. quarterlies, magazines, and program material issued from their own publishing houses, written by their own people, and adapted to their own needs. Some might say that this literature does not measure up to the standard of what denominational literature should be, but it meets their needs and requirements better than any literature that Southern Baptists could furnish them.

They are better-churched than are Southern Baptists, so far as organizations are concerned. They do not have the physician equipment that Southern Baptists have, but neither did the New Testament Christians have the equipment that we have today, and yet these early Christians practically evangelized the whole world in the first century.

In every city you will find from two to three times as many Negro Baptist churches as there are white Baptist churches. All through the country you will find Negro Baptist churches wherever there are Negroes, and all of these churches are having services and most of them are having services every Sunday. No matter what these services may lack in cultural value, as a rule they are not lacking in spiritual and emotional value.

And, when it comes to preachers, they have a larger percentage of preachers for their total population than Southern Baptists have. In almost every city and town you will find

dozens, and, in the larger cities, hundreds of Negro Baptist preachers. These preachers are evangelizing all the time and they know more about what the Negroes need than we do. I have before me an editorial which appeared in The National Baptist Voice, official organ of the National Baptist Convention, Inc., in the United States, giving a report of the National Baptist Convention, and in this editorial I find this statement: "It grieves us very much to see some of our good friends from white schools standing around acting ashamed of their race. In the name of high heaven, why should we kill off our churches with dead formalism like the white man?"

Taking all of these things together, we can see how it is that mission work among the Negroes is a delicate and difficult task. We can help them and we should help them, but we dare not try to put a program over on them. Whatever is done must be done in co-operation with their leaders, for as one of the leading preachers among Negro Baptists said to me, "If you want your program to go over, work in co-operation with the president of our convention. Whatever he approves, our people will accept. What he does not approve, our people will not accept."

Before the Home Mission Board launched its present program of mission work in the Bible departments of the Negro Baptist colleges, we held conferences with the Negro leaders of both national conventions. We met with the executive committee of the National Convention, Inc., and presented our program and they approved it. We met with the executive committee of the National Convention, Unincorporated, and presented our program and they approved it. We also held conferences with the Negro leaders in the states and with the presidents of the colleges. All of these agreed that the training of Negro preachers by putting a Bible teacher into the colleges and holding institutes in the states for the Negro preachers was the best piece of work the Home Mission Board could do for the development of the denominational life of the Negroes. We are pursuing that program now and it is succeeding. This year our budget is \$50,000.

There are some other types of work which we hope to work out with our Negro leaders and promote when we have their endorsement and their co-operation. Announcements will be made later.

Persistent Soul-Winning Bears Fruit

By Rev. A. N. Porter
Missionary in Texas

"In due season we shall reap, if we faint not," has come with increased force to me this month.

A woman with whom I have done personal work for fifteen years publicly confessed Christ and was received as a candidate for baptism. She is fifty years old and was the first Mexican girl ever to attend Waco high school.

I have been told that the priest said she was the most influential Mexican woman in Waco.

A man whom I have tried to win

CLEAR CREEK IS IN

Rev. Henry Joe Bennett, Mississippi College student, believes in The Baptist Record. While living in Calhoun county he promoted it. He is doing likewise as a college student. Recently he became pastor of Clear Creek church in Smith county. A short time later he sent and EVERY FAMILY list from Clear Creek.

Smith county now has Record readers listed as follows: BETHEL 13, Burns 1, GOODWATER 16, Homewood 9, LEAF RIVER 96, LORENA 31, MIZE 24, Oak Grove 9, POLKVILLE 28, RALEIGH 69, ROCKY HILL 12, SYLVARENA 46, TAYLORSVILLE 55, White Oak 3, Wilkerson Memorial 2, Sardis 3, CLEAR CREEK 15, Sharon 1, FELLOWSHIP 29, PLEASANT HILL 21, MT. PLEASANT 16, TED 27, Clear Springs 9, Mt. Carmel 10.

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Pearl City Adopts EVERY FAMILY Plan

Pearl City in Rankin county, W. N. Heywood, pastor, is one of the latest churches to make The Baptist Record a part of its program. We are thankful to Mrs. Ray Powers for sending us the list.

Rankin county Record readers are now listed as follows: ANTIOCH 53, Barefoot 3, BRANDON 46, BRIAR HILL 46, CATO 42, CLEAR BRANCH 75, PUCKETT 37, CONCORD 12, COUNTY LINE 49, EAST SIDE 8, Galilee 1, HICKORY RIDGE 22, OAKDALE 37, PEARSON 21, PELAHATCHIE 67, PISGAH 43, REHOBETH 13, RICHLAND 54, ROCK HILL 14, STEEN'S CREEK 91, UNION 28, Whitfield 1, STAR 45, Cooperville 1, BETHEL 12, LIBERTY 17, Line Creek 1, Dry Creek 6, PEARL CITY 27.

Editor David M. Gardner tells of a recent visit to a church where they were considering putting the Baptist Standard in the church budget. When the matter was presented, one of the laymen said that the Baptist Standard had come to his home for many years but two years before he had let the subscription expire. He reported that since he had quit reading the Standard, he had become indifferent about the work of the church. The church voted to send the Standard to every home. There is a moral to the story—plan now to send The Baptist Record to every home in your church. The cost is only 8 1/3c per copy per month.

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Misses Anne Knox and Ruby McKenzie, recent graduates of Blue Mountain College, are serving as church secretaries. Miss Knox is church secretary of the First Baptist Church, Vicksburg, D. Swan Haworth, pastor; and Miss McKenzie is church secretary of the Southside Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., John H. Buchanan, pastor.

Watch for the "Buddy Envelope Plan"! It may be a secret now, but it will be divulged soon!

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for ten years was baptized recently. He owns a beautiful home in Waco. I hope to baptize his wife and three children soon.

Another man who has a large family was baptized. He is fifty-two years old.

I am more and more convinced of the value of personal work.

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Rev. Leon V. Young, Clinton, Miss.

Called and Accepted

Joe C. Lindsey, Edward, La.
O. E. Short, Wolfe City, Texas, from Caddo Mills.
W. J. McCauley, First, Sterling City, Texas.
L. L. Bolton, Utopia, Texas, from Marcelina.
F. E. Turner, Buffalo Gap, Texas.
H. D. Martin, Hartford, Ark., from Desdomono, Texas.
Ted Ewing, Cherokee, Okla., from Halls, Tex.
D. T. Cox, Clio, S. C., from Hamer-ville, Ga.
John T. Tippet, Ebeneza church, Cordele, Ga., from Pitts.
A. B. Hosea, Rebecca, Ga.
B. T. Kimbrough, Audobon church, Louisville, Ky.
Clifton Tennison, First, Shemrock, Texas, from Central, Wichita Falls, Tex.
H. H. O'Brien, First, Sulphur, La.
C. N. Bennett, Calvary, Daytona Beach, Fla.
G. C. Loran, West End, Paducah, Ky.
Paul Briggs, Immanuel, San Angelo, Tex.
F. M. Dubose, Crawford, Tex.
Charles J. Evans, Pitts, Ga.
J. L. Brown, Lumpkin, Ga.
M. R. Daugherty, Midway, Jena, La.
A. B. Beckton, Bethesda, Hebert, La.
G. C. Dennis, First, Baker, La., from Georgetown and Rochelle.
W. F. Town, First, Eunice, La.
E. V. Appling, Metairie church, New Orleans, La.
Elmo Johnson, Swartz, La.
E. L. Vance, Evangeline church, Shreveport, La., from Jackson.
G. C. Odom, New Light, La.
Paul Roberts, Central, Decatur, Ga.

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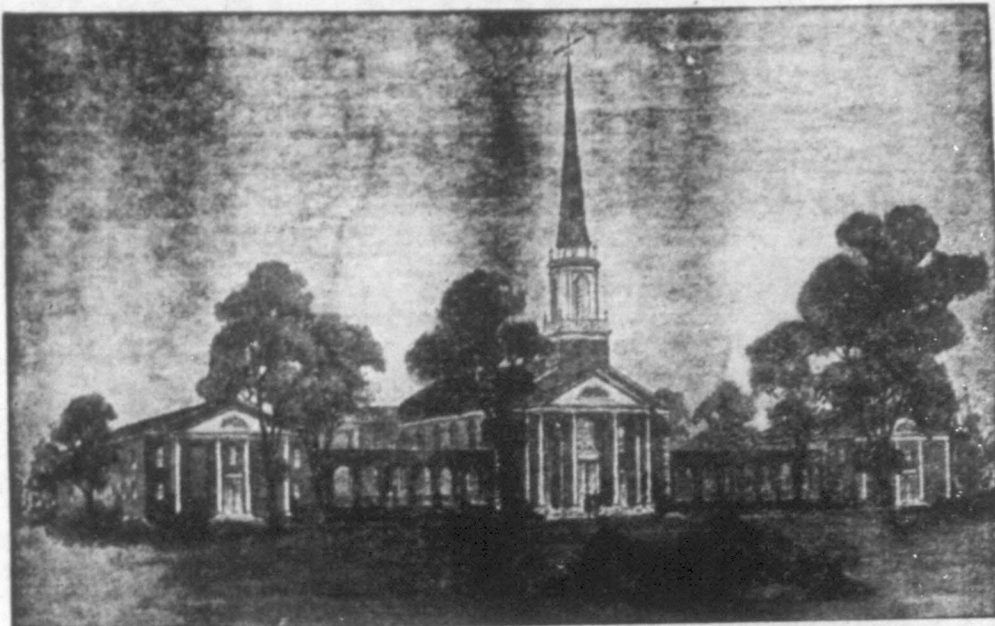
CHESTER SWOR SAYS:

Christ spent much of His time in performing the ministry of healing, and He made it quite clear that it was His wish that His disciples give attention to that ministry. . . . "And when he had called unto him his disciples, he gave them power . . . to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease" (Matt. 10:1).

It is my earnest conviction that our Baptist hospitals offer the best medium available to us for honoring the Master's wish that His followers offer healing to the people whose bodies are ill. Many of us cannot go as missionaries to state, home, and foreign fields, but we can certainly speed and sustain those who do go by supporting missions financially. Many of us who cannot participate personally in the ministry of teaching can provide the facilities and the training of those who do teach. In exactly the same spirit, every Mississippi Baptist has opportunity to have a part in the ministry of healing (dear to the heart of our Lord!) by helping to expand the facilities of our Mississippi Baptist Hospital.

I am one of many whose very lives have been saved through the ministry of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital. How grateful I am today that Mississippi Baptists thirty years ago provided an institution of healing, for shortly after that time I was brought to this blessed institution; its work in saving my life through delicate surgery and months of tender care will ever be to me the greatest blessing done to me by human hands. It is my abiding conviction that Christ worked His ministry of healing me through the medium of our Baptist Hospital. May our God bless it forever!

Proposed Negro Seminary Buildings



NEW TROUBLES ABOUT THE NEGRO SEMINARY

By E. P. Aldredge
Chairman of The Commission

So many splendid Southern Baptist men and women have been so good and gracious about helping on the work of the American Baptist Theological Seminary, and furnishing these needy Negro boys and girls with scholarships and student-aid funds that I must write you about our new troubles.

During the eight years, 1936-1944, our student body remained about the same—an average of 44.2 students per year. This is tragic for the Negro Baptists of America whose replacement needs call for 938 new and well-trained ministers every year.

* The Changed Picture Now

But all of this has been suddenly changed, and the change has become so pronounced that we are facing new and alarming difficulties at the Seminary. To begin with, the Board of Directors of the Seminary, last April, elected a new president, Dr. Ralph W. Riley, formerly a pastor in Montgomery, Alabama. He succeeds Dr. J. M. Nabrit. Dr. Riley has four outstanding assets to his credit—he is young, vigorous, and abounding in health and in outlook. He is highly trained, and is gifted with a winning personality. He began his work as president in June 1944. He not only held more students for the summer semester of twelve weeks of regular work than we have ever had before, but when the regular session began he enrolled more students the first week than the Seminary has had in ten years. Not only so, but he is beginning the second quarter of the Seminary as these lines are written, with the largest number of students in the history of the Seminary, around 60 dormitory students.

The New Embarrassment

And this is the new embarrassment for Southern Baptists. For we Southern Baptists agreed "to purchase all the necessary grounds and erect all the necessary buildings for the Seminary." And our one building, constructed to house 75 dormitory students, is now so full that we are having to place three students in a room; and some students have had to sleep on the floor for a night or two. This is because 14 rooms on the first floor of our one building have been made over into class rooms, a library, a chapel, and two executive offices. Twenty-eight more students could be cared for in these 14 rooms which we are now forced to use for other purposes. If we had the group of three

new buildings which we have planned for and which the Convention, last May, authorized us to construct, we could house 75 to 100 boys in this splendid dormitory. But when will Southern Baptists give us the money to erect these buildings?

The New Building Needed

Take a look at the architect's drawing of these three new buildings. On the right is a commodious, two-story classroom building. It will cost \$50,000. It will take care of all the classes of the Seminary for all time to come. What will we do with incoming students? Tell them to go back home? No; we are going to renovate an old residence on the edge of the campus and make it comfortable for these boys and give them the best we have.

The library building on the left, also equipped for teachers and executive offices, will cost all of \$50,000 and maybe \$60,000. Already we have made a great start in collecting books for our library. We have three rooms full of books and we have perhaps 1,000 other volumes which we cannot take out of the boxes because we have no place for them in the three dormitory rooms now being used as our library. I believe you would give us the \$50,000 in cash or government bonds and let us name this library building in honor of some loved one of yours and go ahead and erect this new building just as soon as the government grants us the privilege! Why not?

Then look at the central building in this group set forth in the architect's drawings here. That is our magnificent chapel building, much like the great new chapel building of the Louisville Seminary, only it is smaller. Our poor little, make-shift chapel now holds 140 persons at most. But I have seen 750 to 1,000 people trying to get in to our commencement exercises!

It Is Our Move Next

No; we are not waiting for the war to end and the government to say, "Go ahead!" If the war should end tomorrow, or next month or three hence, would we be ready to erect these buildings? Not at all! This beautiful new chapel building alone will cost between \$75,000 and \$100,000; and the three new buildings pictured here will cost between \$175,000 and \$200,000. And how much cash and bonds do we have on hand for these new buildings? Just \$20,000—that is all! That is all! Why could not some well-to-do Southern Baptist man or woman give us \$50,000 in cash or government bonds and let us name this beautiful chapel in their honor?



MRS. DONALD H. LAMBERT

who began her work last July as secretary of Highland church, Meridian, taking the position left vacant when Miss Dorothy Wallace accepted the position as church secretary of the Jackson Memorial Baptist Church in Portsmouth, Va., is a graduate of Meridian senior high school, and took a commercial course in the Meridian Junior College. Before coming to the church as secretary she has held the following positions: secretary to Dr. I. H. Jones; typist for the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co., and secretary for Ready and Rea, C. P. A's. Mrs. Lambert has been a member of the Highland church for more than ten years, and has been active in all phases of the church work. During her college days she took active part in the work of B. S. U. on the college campus.

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REV. E. A. PHILLIPS

Funeral rites for Rev. E. A. Phillips, Baptist minister, were held at Newton Baptist Church, with the pastor, Rev. R. A. Morris officiating, assisted by Rev. J. E. Wills and Rev. H. L. Daniels. Interment following in the Masonic cemetery.

Mr. Phillips had been in declining health for some time, but was only seriously ill about a week before his passing. He succumbed at a local hospital Monday, where he had been receiving treatment for several days.

Born at Newton December 31, 1880, Mr. Phillips was a son of James W. Phillips and the late Kizziah Frances Hitt Phillips. He was a teacher and minister by profession, and had held pastorates in this area. He was a member of the Baptist church and was a Mason.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Grace Palmer Phillips; one daughter, Mrs. A. H. Myers of Meridian; one grandson, Larry Myers of Meridian; his 91-year-old father, James W. Phillips; one sister, Miss Lehora Phillips of Newton; and three brothers, M. P., A. S. and H. S. Phillips, all of Newton.

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The 1944 minutes for Grenada County Association, Mrs. Sam E. Gilton, clerk, show a membership of 1871 in seven churches; 64 baptisms; Sunday school enrollment 741; 151 enrolled in Training Unions in four churches; total contributions for all purposes \$38,233.22; of this amount \$14,866.92 was for missions and benevolences.

Methodists have planned to raise \$543,000 for Common (Negro) Theological Seminary in Atlanta. Can't Southern Baptists raise \$20,000 for the American Baptist Theological Seminary? It is our move next!



Baptist Training Union

BOX 530 — JACKSON, 105, MISS.

AUBER J. WILDS State Secretary
MISS LOUISE HILL Associate
MISS NELLA DEAN MITCHELL, Associate
MRS. L. R. WILLIAMS, Office Secretary

MRS. L. R. WILLIAMS JOINS TRAINING UNION STAFF

Mrs. L. R. Williams, for ten years probation officer for the city of Jackson and for the past two years church secretary for Griffith Memorial church, Jackson joined the staff of the Training Union department on January first, and will serve as office secretary.

Mrs. Williams has been Training Union director at Griffith Memorial for 15 years and has done a work unexcelled anywhere. In 1942 Griffith church led the entire Southern Baptist Convention in Training Union awards. The Training Union at Griffith Memorial is said to be the largest in Mississippi.

Mrs. Williams teaches a class of young girls in the Young People's department. The class has been standard for the past three years. Her's is a denominational wide interest, thus fitting her the more for the position with the Training Union department.



SOUL WINNING STUDY COURSE NOW

Have you already planned for your special study course in soul winning? You know this is a part of our great centennial program. Every church having a study course using the soul winning books. Below are the books that have been approved by heads of the different departments. Not a one in the group that is not just as fine as can be.

Adults: A Winning Witness; Young People: Plan of Salvation and Winning Others to Christ; Intermediates: Witnessing for Christ; Juniors: The Junior and His Church. Optional books are: How to Win to Christ; Soul Winning Doctrines; The Way Made Plain.

We are recommending the following books for the March study course in Training Union: For Adults or Young People: Our Bible, Adams; Books of the Bible, Moore; Eternal King, Leavell. Intermediates: Growing in Bible Knowledge, Graves. Juniors: This is My Bible, Van Ness.

Congratulations to Holly Bluff, Yazoo county. They have recently organized a Training Union.

A SUGGESTION—A REQUEST

This is the suggestion. Many individuals and churches contributed regularly to the Hundred Thousand Club and to the Five Thousand Club and Now Club for more than ten years. For many this was an offering above the tithe. We did that to pay debts and interest. All during that time I gave two dollars a month on state and southside debts, and that was an offering above my tithe. Now the debts are paid, so I am going to put two dollars a month with the Foundation to help build up a reserve where only the interest will be spent, and in that way make it unnecessary to incur debts. Will you join me in this? Churches that gave a percentage on debts could do a fine thing for the future by putting the same amount in the Foundation for that day when we will need it.

This is the request. CHURCH TREASURERS, will you please write the names of individuals that make contributions to any of our boards or institutions where the Foundation handles the funds? Send all Foundation monies to Brother D. A. McCall, and be sure to state that it is for the Foundation, and if it is designated, tell where the interest is to go. In that way we can handle it as the donor desires, and we can receipt him for the gift. Your co-operation will be appreciated, and call on us when we can serve.

A. B. Pierce, Executive Secretary,
Mississippi Baptist Foundation.

Ted is the name of a boy born on December 23. The proud parents are Rev. and Mrs. O. B. Beverly of Flora.

Hepzibah, Jeff Davis county: Rev. W. H. Wood began his pastorate here on January 7. He will also serve half time at Oakvale. We have \$1,635 in the treasury. We are grateful to Rev. W. A. Green for serving as supply pastor while we were pastorless.—Reporter.

Rev. L. R. Massey has resigned his field of churches composed of: Stringer and Eden in Jasper county and Pleasant Home in Jones county. He is now pastor of East Columbia church. He reports a full pantry, good congregations and growing interest.

ized a Training Union. Reported by Mrs. V. R. Netherland, associational director.

Lebanon leads out in associational Training Union attendance again. At their meeting Monday night, January 1st, they had 365 present, representing 20 churches. A wonderful program, fine spirit, with a challenge for the year ahead. Can you think of a finer way to start off the new year?

Mrs. E. M. Bilbo of River Avenue Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, reports a large new Adult Union. Congratulations!

Pearl River Association under the leadership of their new director, Mr. J. R. Stuart starts off a program of extension by organizing two new unions at Palestine church with Mr. Jim Williams elected director. Adults and Intermediates are taken care of in these two new units. Best wishes for successful going.

Best wishes and congratulations go to Seminary Baptist Church. They have recently set up a fully graded Training Union, Story Hour through Adult Union. Rev. R. R. Darby, pastor, feels that this is going to be a successful addition to the church life. He is exactly right. A good Training Union will bring to any church a new spirit, a new vision, a new conception of commission of the Master and a new outlook on life.

HEAR DR. W. A. CRISWELL SUNDAY MORNING

Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, is the speaker on the Baptist Hour next Sunday morning, January 21st. He will talk especially to our young people, reverently and earnestly, about Life Decisions. Hundreds of our young people remember Dr. Criswell as the inspirational speaker the first week of Ridgecrest Training Union assembly last summer. These will need no urge to get up for this 7:30 broadcast. He captured the heart of every one who attended the assembly that week. To you who have never heard him, and listen in because of this suggestion, will have a prayer of thanks in your heart for our bringing it to your attention. Led of God he will bring a blessing to all who listen.

Salem, Covington county, one of our largest and best full-time rural churches, reports a new Junior Union. Thanks to Mrs. C. C. Rogers, director of this church and also director of the Covington County Associational Training Union.

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When a preacher makes a mistake, nobody knows the difference.

When a lawyer makes a mistake, it was just what he wanted, because he has a chance to try the case all over again.

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The Baptist Hour

January 21 is a day of Life Decision for Southern Baptist young people. The prayer goal is 10,000 Southern Baptist young people dedicating their lives for special service.

That destiny-determining day begins with a Baptist Hour message to young people by Dr. W. A. Criswell, successor to the late Dr. George W. Truett. His subject is "Victorious Surrender." Reverently and earnestly he will talk with young people via the radio about this life decision.

We hope that thousands of our young people, as well as adults, may be by their radios at 7:30 Sunday morning, January 21, for this special message. Our radios can be used to carry the message of Christ as well as other messages. The Baptist Hour is for this purpose. May we use it to reach the largest number of our people with the gospel message.

Our Teachers

Our Sunday school teachers! What a great group indeed they are! We feel that few people have as great an opportunity for rendering genuine spiritual service as do our Sunday school teachers. Their close contact gives them frequent opportunities for a spiritual ministry that is not afforded to others in just quite the degree that it is to them.

We express our sincere gratitude for our great hosts of Sunday school teachers. They are a fine lot indeed. We appreciate them for what they are and for what they do. Of course, here, as with any group, not all are what they should be, but taken as a whole, they give to our churches some of the finest and most helpful leadership that we have. They are the ones, in so many instances, that are the real evangelizers in our churches. Sunday school teachers give the reason why the Sunday school is the church's greatest evangelizing agency. They are the ones who are teaching the Bible week by week to our people of all age groups, and this is the foundation upon which our spiritual progress depends to a large degree.

Teachers and 1945

As stated above, Sunday school teachers are one of the big reasons why the Sunday school is the church's greatest evangelizing agency; the reason why about 90% of all our baptisms are Sunday school people. This does not mean, of course, that one cannot be saved who is not in Sunday school, but it does mean that not many people are being saved who are not in Sunday school. This business of teaching people the Bible has a most tremendous effect upon them, whether they are lost or saved.

Since 1945 is our Southern Baptist centennial year, the year with the soul-winning goal of one million, it can be easily seen the important part that our Sunday school teachers must play if we reach anything like that challenging objective. Also, it is giving to these Bible teachers an opportunity to cooperate in what can be, and we hope shall be, the greatest soul-winning year in Southern Baptist history. The year 1945 holds for Sunday school teachers vast and rich resources in the field of evangelism.

If these teachers, through religious surveys and otherwise, will get the names and addresses of all unsaved people who are possibilities for their classes, and then have that group as a special prayer list for the class, to be followed by personal visitation and contact with a view to getting them to attend classes, it will go a long way toward the winning of them to Christ. This will also give opportunity for all the pupils in the classes who will to know definitely just who and where the lost people are so that they too may talk with them personally and pray with and for them.

However, the teachers must take the lead in all this because their place is one of leadership. No class rises higher than the teacher. This is just as true in the field of evangelism as in any other. We sincerely trust therefore, that our teachers will make the most of 1945 in enlisting new people in the classes, in better Bible teaching, in soul winning, in personal visitation, and in all good things that may make some contribution toward the development of their lives spiritually.

Untaught Church Members

There are approximately 2,500,000 Southern Baptist Church members unenrolled in Sunday school. This group constitutes one of the greatest liabilities of Southern Baptists.

People who are not in Sunday school are getting but little, if any, regular and systematic Bible study and teaching. This means that their lives are minus the knowledge of those truths from God's word that would enable them to be the most useful Christians. They know little or nothing of the great teachings on evangelism, stewardship, missions, etc., as given in the scriptures. This is one of the main reasons for the lack of interest in a great and far-reaching church program. If one does not know, not much can be expected. If people do not know the teachings of God's word, not a great deal can be expected of them in the matter of actively and aggressively sponsoring and promoting the cause of Christ. Therefore, the Sunday school has one of its greatest challenges in this matter of reaching for Bible study the resident church members not enrolled in Sunday school. We have about 157,000 of them in Mississippi. This very situation calls out in clear and unmistakable tones for a program of enlargement that will make provision for these unenrolled church members in the Sunday school.

There needs to be space provided for additional classes of adults, more teachers enlisted for these new classes, and then a definite, vigorous and consistent program of visitation and personal contact on the part of officers, teachers and pupils going out into the highways and hedges seeking these resident Baptists for regular Bible study in the Sunday school. If this were done in a large way, it would add tremendously to the great 1945 centennial program of "Climaxing a Century for Christ." 90% of these resident church members not in Sunday school are adults. It is almost entirely an adult matter. How these adult departments and classes do need to take this important matter seriously.

HOSPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Church contributions to the Mississippi Baptist Hospital Campaign Fund through the Convention Board office as of January 10th, are as follows:

Church and Association	Amount	Society Hill, Jeff Davis	53.25
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Fellowship, Zion	14.87	Spring Creek, Zion	5.00
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Every Southern Baptist should be looking forward to and getting ready for the most progressive program in our churches during our centennial year in all our history. The challenging goals outlined above, which our people generally have accepted, call for superlative efforts on the part of all of us. It is one thing to set up a worthy objective, and quite another thing to attain it. I am sure every loyal member of our church will enter heartily and enthusiastically into this supreme effort to honor our Lord as a climax to the first century of service of the Southern Baptist Convention.

With the Lord's help, these objec-

tives can be reached easily. If we succeed, and we will, what an impetus it will be in beginning a new century of progress. As we face a new era with limitless possibilities of rendering Christlike service to a suffering and broken world, we need to enlarge greatly our conception of our responsibility. To achieve our goals for 1945 will enable us to get a better perspective of our future tasks and increase our ability to perform them.

In making our budgets for 1945, we need to keep in mind our enlarged program for the centennial year. "Same as last year" will not do the job. It will be necessary for all of us to tighten our belts and think in larger figures when we sign our subscription cards.

SOLDIERS, SENTIMENT, AND SCRIPTURES

W. R. White
Editorial Secretary,
Sunday School Board

Much is being written and said with reference to the returning soldier and religion. I have tried to be a realist all along. Even in the early stages of the developments in Europe I saw the danger in what is known as pacifism. I deeply appreciate what our men have done, and are doing. Their heroic achievements will give us a chance to have a freer and more decent world. I esteem them and love them. I think that they are the finest group of young men that any major nation ever sent on a battlefield. I see no reason, however, why the war makes them an authority on religion. No such claims are made regarding their authority on business, education, politics, sociology, medicine or philosophy.

War was thrust upon us. We had no other choice when it came. If enough people had begun twenty-five years ago to give Christ a chance, things would have been different. But they did not. In any case, war at its best is a no first-class laboratory for the highest religious results. There are some exceptional cases of great spiritual experiences, and there is a strain of religious reaction permeating many phases of it. But in the

main it is dominated by an irreligious environment.

Conditions are abnormal. Things cannot be faced and thought out thoroughly. Nothing is in its proper setting or perspective. There are tensions and emergencies on every side. Life is uprooted and disarranged. Who would expect normal reactions, much less authoritative thinking under such circumstances?

Who knows what the men and women in service are thinking? Individuals may express themselves. A cross-section may be sounded out. But it is to be doubted that there is any unanimity of opinion on religion. Nobody can reliably speak for them.

Sentimental reactions naturally play a big part in the strain and emergencies of war experience. Some people believe that a man will think accurately and act properly when he faces death. It depends on the things that he has been taught, the things he has stored away in his mind and heart before he faces the zero hour. The reaction in a crisis-moment is conditioned by previous experience and exposure. If he has been taught that a crucifix should be held before him while he is dying, he will call for a crucifix when he thinks death is impending. If he has been taught that there is efficacious power in the Lord's Supper and that observing it will enhance his standing with the Lord and add to his chances of heaven, he will call for it before go-

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a letter has come to us from our beloved pastor, Brother W. E. Lee from his home at Como, bearing his resignation as pastor of our church, the Byhalia Baptist Church.

Our first impulse was to enter a vigorous protest, but remembering it was a matter of health, we knew that could not be.

For twenty-three years he has been our efficient and beloved church leader. Truly a man of God whose faith and fidelity could not be questioned.

Of the pastors of this church, during its one hundred years of history none other served it near so long.

At the centennial celebration of the Hernando church a few years ago it was brought out there that he had served it too, during its one hundred years, longer than any other. Eleven years of consecrated service of God and that church.

Brother Lee's works of service in the ministry has been continuous for forty-two years and it has been of a type so vigorous and sincere that it has drawn heavily of his physical strength.

It is with many regrets that the membership of the Byhalia church must give him up. Therefore be it,

Resolved: That we convey to Brother Lee and Mrs. Lee, his sympathetic and loving wife, the assurance of our continuous love, sympathy and prayers and that God will restore him to health, strength and work again.

Be it further resolved, that a copy be forwarded to Brother Lee and Mrs. Lee, a copy be sent to the press and a copy be spread upon the minutes of the church.

ing into battle.

The soldier's reactions in war emergencies do not make him an authority on such matters. A whole group of men who had not been baptized—in fact, had made no profession of faith—asked for the Lord's Supper (sacrament, they called it) as they approached an awful battle. The chaplain who administered it was heralded as being big and liberal because he acquiesced so readily. In such a solemn hour the meaning of the Lord's Supper, and above all, the cross of Christ which it symbolized should have been explained with a clarity which a child could understand. It was a supreme opportunity to tell of the only Name whereby men must be saved. No doubt each would have responded to the appeal of Christ. Instead, it is to be feared that the shadow was substituted for the substance.

Sentiment has great value when it reinforces the truth. It is very dangerous when it clusters around error. It takes great courage and tact to go against it for the sake of truth, but absolute honesty offers no other alternative. In a multitude of men with many beliefs, sentiment in abnormal situations is apt to veer in the wrong direction.

The greatest religious genius of all times was Jesus. The highest record of God's self-disclosure is the Bible. To Christians, the Word of God is the final authority in matters of faith and practice. I have never seen a man or group of men whom I thought qualified to displace this authority. We must not be swayed from our anchorage or criterion for the quicksands of war psychology. Great scriptural principles that have guided us through normal and abnormal times which outlive the ages must be our guide. Fresh emphases in line with these principles which come to us from war experiences have value, but promiscuous incidents out of line with revealed truth should be discarded. This will take much courage, but God's man has but one choice before him.

KNOW YOUR BIBLE

QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR TEACHERS AND CLASSES

(Answers on Page Fifteen)

1. All of us, from time to time, accidentally make a statement which might be interpreted as gossip. Where in the Bible does it give us a ruling against gossiping?

2. A verse in the Bible explains the changes of atmospheric conditions of spring, summer, autumn and winter. Do you know where it is mentioned?

3. Can you name from the Bible a sincere believer in prayer, and how he prayed a long time? The answer will enlighten and encourage us to follow his plan.

4. If someone asked you why your make use of fir trees at Christmas time, and how its use originated, how would you answer their question?

CHRISTIAN HERALD SPONSORS MOVIE COUNCIL

A new Motion Picture Council of Protestant Women, sponsored by Christian Herald, is announced in the February issue of that magazine. Mrs. Daniel A. Poling, wife of the Herald's editor-in-chief, is national chairman, and Mrs. Jesse M. Bader, wife of the secretary of the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches, is editorial chairman.

In its full-page announcement, Christian Herald calls attention to the fact that with 80 million Americans paying to see a movie at least once a week, and with much of our national character being shaped in the seats before the screen, that "the movies have become as potent an educational force as church or school... Christian Herald believes it is time for Protestantism to speak out on the movie question with a militant voice. We believe that a people so great in numbers and so great in spirit must take off the blindfolds of indifference and make their influence felt in a demand for clean, wholesome, inspirational motion pictures that will elevate and not lower the character-standards of America."

The council, made up of the wives of outstanding Protestant leaders, includes the names of Mrs. Daniel A. Poling, Mrs. Jesse M. Bader, Mrs. George C. Aydelott, Mrs. Mercie Boyer, Mrs. J. W. Bradbury, Mrs. Oliver Pittman Cooke, Mrs. Hugh D. Darsie, Mrs. Martha Elliott, Mrs. H. I. Esch, Mrs. D. J. Fleming, Mrs. B. W. Griffin, Mrs. Rasmus Hansen, Mrs. F. H. Henry, Mrs. Orrin Judd, Mrs. Milton D. Ketchum, Mrs. John McKenzie, Mrs. Frank S. Mead, Mrs. Norman Vincent Peals, Mrs. John R. Price, Mrs. Sherman Quinn, Mrs. Henry Ritter, Mrs. Paul Scherer, Mrs. E. E. Shay, Mrs. Fred Smith, Mrs. Fitzhanger Speer, Mrs. John Henry Trent, Mrs. Irene Wilcox.

The Christian Herald plans to make this a service available in bulletin form, following the war, to ministers and church groups from coast to coast.

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Copiah County Association minutes reveal: 277 baptisms; total membership 7,548; Sunday school enrollment 3,297; B. T. U. enrollment 1,107; gifts to Cooperative Program \$9,132; total for all purposes \$82,367.43.

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell

Lesson for January 21

STANDARDS OF THE KINGDOM

Scripture Text: Matthew 4:23-6:10

Introduction. All normal men want to be happy: God wants all men to be happy. Man apart from God seeks his happiness through the indulgence of selfishness: through the indulgence of the flesh, through the acquisition of power, through the acquirement of wealth, and many other ways which minister to the natural, the godless. The means provided and prescribed by the Lord are the exact opposite of these. Not external acquisition but internal character and accord with the will of God secures what men really as an end desire.

I. Early Ministry in Galilee. Matthew 4:12-25.

We ought to read these verses again to refresh our memories. It is thought there must have been a year since the temptation. For a record of the work of our Lord in the elapsed time, read John 1:15-5:47. Now John the Baptist has been arrested, so Jesus withdraws into Galilee, specifically to Capernaum. This later became known as "His own city" (Matthew 9:1).

Practically identical with the words of John are the words of our Lord as He begins His ministry in Galilee. "After John had been thrown into prison Jesus came into Galilee preaching the gospel of God. 'The time has come,' He said, 'and the kingdom of God is near! Repent and believe the gospel.'" (Mark 1:14, 15).

The settlement of our Lord in Capernaum by the sea was in fulfillment of a prophecy in Isaiah (9:1, 2), in which this country, is named, and the prophecy uttered that the people of this Gentile country should see a great light, and that light would dawn on those who dwell in the land of the shadow of death. The Great Light had now come in the presence of the person of Jesus, and with Him He had brought the kingdom of heaven. And this is a kingdom in which the laws of heaven have rule, in which men walk in the light of the Lord, and not according to the course of this world.

II. Characteristics of Happy People.

Matthew 5:3-12.

Read these beatitudes, and then read again the heading of this division. These characteristics distinguish the Lord's own, and do not apply to anybody who has not kissed the scepter of the King. That is another way of saying that there are no happy people, absolutely none, save those who have yielded control to Jesus the King.

The proud in spirit, the selfishly exalted in spirit, fancy that their pride of spirit will bring happiness, but it never has, it never will. Men rich in the temporal sphere may be dependent upon God as a little child upon a good parent. The poor in spirit feels his need of the grace of God.

"They that mourn" does not necessarily or at all mean all those who may be lamenting some misfortune or grieving over the loss of a loved one; but it does mean those who mourn over their own shortcomings, and are grieved because of the wickedness of

the world.

"The meek." This saying is not equivalent to this: "Now, you just be meek, and you'll get the earth." The meekness here spoken of is the first of the social virtues. It looks toward man. It is a willingness to serve one's fellows, to prefer one's friend in honor.

"They that hunger and thirst after righteousness," are those who eagerly desire to find and follow God's will for them. The eager, restless longing, like the hunger of a starving man, the thirst of a famished man in a desert, this it is that brings a happiness that the world can never give.

"The merciful" are the pitiful, the charitable, the forbearing, the beneficent. All this in the character of any man is a consequence and fruit of the mercy of God extended to him who lifts his heart to God for mercy.

"The pure in heart." The pure heart is that into which the spirit of God can enter. The pure heart is that which has its affections rooted in the heart of God. I am trying my level best to say that the pure heart is that which is fixed in its desire to possess and be possessed by the love of God.

"The peacemakers" are individuals. How we all wish there might be an early cessation of the enactment of the grim and grisly tragedy through which the world is passing! I am not a conscientious objector in the matter of an armed struggle in which our country may become engaged. To save me, I can not see how we could have kept out of the present war without forfeiting the freedom of the world. When our country is attacked by an international brigand, we have a clear duty to defend the honor and integrity of that country. We must disarm the hordes of vandalism before we can have the peace of which the Lord here speaks, and I think our gallant lads and lassies now serving in the armed forces of the country come nearer to being the peacemakers the Lord has in mind in this passage than do the pacifists who would yield to the demands of despotism without a struggle. But the men and women who strive to make peace between themselves and God, and who strive to bring others into peaceful relations with the God of peace have thereby placed themselves in the ranks of the peacemakers who "shall be called the sons of God."

"They that have been persecuted for righteousness sake," does not include all Christians, for there are scores of millions of them who have not been persecuted for righteousness sake. But in Europe now, and in other parts of the world as well, this beatitude has presented abundant illustration. All those who are made to suffer the persecutions of men inflamed against God, and are made to suffer because of their faithfulness to Him—these are they who are meant in this beatitude.

There were and there are those who have been reviled and persecuted and even-spoken against falsely for the sake of Jesus, and they are bidden to rejoice and exult; because their reward in heaven is great, inasmuch as they have part with the prophets who were of old time.

III. Two Tremendous Metaphors.

Matthew 5:13, 14.

"Salt of the earth. . . . Light of the world." Where in all the world will you find such audacity elsewhere as that of the young teacher who here calls a group of ordinary young men

MRS. RILEY RESIGNS AS HILLMAN DEAN

Dr. Nelson Attends Atlantic City Meeting

Mrs. G. R. Riley, after twenty-five years of efficient service as dean of women, has resigned and will go to Nashville to live with her daughter, Dr. Susan B. Riley, who is a member of the faculty of Peabody College.

Mrs. Riley resigned when Hillman was taken over by Mississippi College, but has been serving temporarily till another dean could be secured. She has been active not only in college but in religious work as well, having been state president of the W. M. U. and for many years a member of the state executive committee. Mrs. Riley will be missed by the Sunday school class which she has been teaching and by the college and community and state. Her former students and patrons over the South bear testimony to her unusual ability.

Mrs. Grace Medlin Elsey is now acting dean of women in a most acceptable way. She is a graduate of the Baptist College of Bolivar, Missouri, and of the State Teachers College at Springfield. She is the wife of Prof. Ellis Neese Elsey, director of voice in Mississippi College and minister of music in Clinton Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Elsey during the short time they have been in Clinton have already won the love and admiration of the people of the college and the church. Both are doing fine in their respective lines.

President Nelson is in Atlantic City this week attending a meeting of the American Association of Colleges and planning post-war problems. The architect is working on plans for the new dormitory for girls and President Nelson has expressed the hope that it could be completed this year.

The last Sunday of 1944 was memorable for New Ireland church, Newton county, when they went over the top in paying off the debt of \$1,250 on their pastor's home. It was begun last June and has all modern conveniences. The total cost was about \$3,500.—J. L. Boyd, pastor.

from the ordinary walks of life, "the salt of the earth, the light of the world"? "Yours," He might have said to them, "is the loftiest privilege, yours the weightiest responsibility of any men who walk the earth." Ye disciples of this Teacher can save the earth. Ye are the salt which can save it: not "ye have the salt," but "ye are the salt." Not "ye reflect the light," but "ye are the light." But the world is lost except the salt save it, and the world is dark except the light shall illuminate it.

IV. Requirements Beyond the Ancient.

Matthew 5:17-48.

"Away with all creeds! Let us go back to the Sermon on the Mount!" Oh, yeah! No creed or covenant or table of laws anywhere in existence makes demands as lofty as do these words of our Lord. No man who has not come to a saving knowledge of Him has any chance of obeying the lofty requirements here set forth. That is to say, no man in his natural strength will ever meet the requirements here made. It takes the regenerate heart to want to meet these high standards, and it takes the girding power of God plus the grace of His great heart to make His servants measure up.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

January 14, 1945

	SS	BTU
First, Brookhaven	559	139
Wallerville	73	35
Bowmar Ave., Vicksburg	156	106
New Fellowship, Jasper Co.	58	
Glenfield, Union Co.	81	49
Cross Roads, Webster Co.	86	
Rocky Creek, George Co.	88	65
Luce Mission	29	
Watts Memorial, Pascagoula	364	120
Tocowa, Panola Co.	40	36
Bethlehem, Jones Co.	67	36
Enon, Panola Co.	65	100
Houlka, Chickasaw Co.	83	60
Center, Union Co.	102	97
Decatur	181	72
Ellison Ridge, Winston Co.	97	82
First, New Albany	471	167
Steen's Creek, Rankin Co.	49	
Ackerman	147	
Taylorville	142	50
Crystal Springs	485	121
First, Gulfport	553	114
Summit	122	
Summit (Jan. 7)	143	
Friendship, Jackson Co.		
(Jan. 7)	66	55
(Dec. 31)	79	53
Griffith Memorial, Jackson	607	311
Glenfield, Union Co. (Jan. 7)	50	39
Northside, Jackson	101	40
Parkway, Jackson	507	
Calvary, Jackson	1,000	288
Carson Ridge, Attala Co.	68	

BARNETT AGAIN AT RIDGECREST

Jasper N. Barnett, Nashville, head of the Sunday school department of the board, was named at its recent session as general manager of the summer assembly at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, for next summer. Versil Crenshaw, who recently came from Virginia to the Training Union department of the board, was named as assistant to Mr. Barnett.

Mr. Barnett has managed the assembly very efficiently and successfully during the past two seasons. On account of ill health, Perry Morgan recently resigned his position as general manager, but will continue his relation with the assembly in a less taxing capacity.

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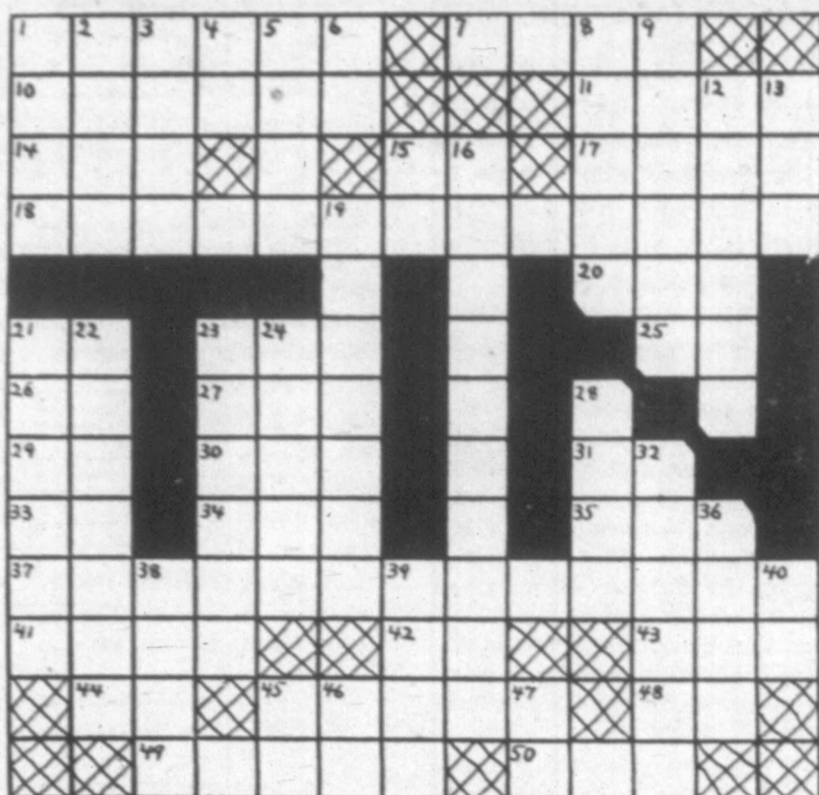
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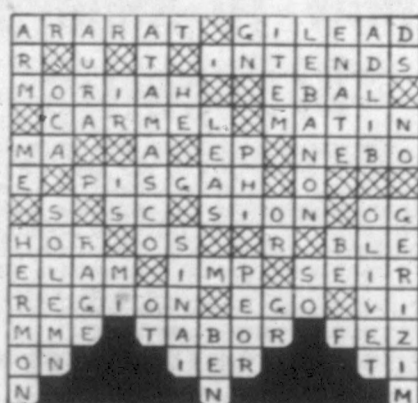
ENDURING MEDALS
ACROSS

- 1 The cup that Joseph put into Benjamin's sack was made of this metal, Gen. 44:2.
- 7 A part of Eden contained a good quality of this metal, Gen. 2:11, 12.
- 10 Star conventionally represented (Her.).
- 11 The bedstead of Og, king of Bashan, was made of this, Deut. 3:11.
- 14 Soak.
- 15 Home of Abraham, Gen. 11:31.
- 17 Mimic.
- 18 Hezekiah "broke in pieces the . . . that Moses had made," 2 Kings 18:4.
- 20 Holy Roman Empire (L.).
- 21 Preposition.
- 23 Projection on a wheel.
- 25 Egyptian solar deity (var.).
- 26 Southern state.
- 27 Globe.
- 29 Indian mulberry.
- 30 Calipee, part of a turtle.
- 31 Romans is one.
- 33 Exist.
- 34 Equality.
- 35 Unit of measure.
- 37 Hiram: "was filled with wisdom, and . . . and cunning to work all works in brass," 1 Kings 7:14.
- 41 "the . . . of your god, which ye made to yourselves," Amos 5:26.
- 42 Pronoun.
- 43 Weep.
- 44 Elder.
- 45 "so that a bow of . . . is broken by mine arms," 2 Sam. 22:35.
- 48 Ridge of drift.
- 49 "the colour of . . ." Ezek. 88:2 (some think this means a metal, and not the fossil resin).
- 50 Tarshish had this metal, Ezek. 27:12.

DOWN

- 1 Inhabitant of Serbia.
- 2 Roman road.
- 3 Genus of fishes.
- 4 Roman numeral.
- 5 "there is none . . ." Isa. 45:6.

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK



THE LITTLE BAPTIST

BY J. M. MARTIN

(With special permission of the Sunday School Board at Nashville, we present this story by J. M. Martin, a popular narrative. Follow it weekly. The book, *The Little Baptist*, may be purchased from your Baptist Book Store.—Editor.)

As Nannie stood reflecting and seemed to have nothing more to say, Mellie continued:

"I investigated all these things before I joined the Baptist church, and I fully understand and approve them. I think that we are much nearer right, and great deal more consistent, than those who abuse us for our convictions of duty, and then invite us to commune with them, contrary to our know wishes. Now, there is Mr. Smith, the Methodist preacher, who always invites the members of all denominations to participate in the Lord's Supper, but if you have noticed him closely, you have seen that he almost invariably says some hard things about the Baptists, as though he wished to hurt their feelings, so as to be sure to keep them back. And then, too, he said in a sermon that the doctrine of predestination and election, as taught by the Presbyterians, 'had its origin with the devil,' and that to it 'thousands would owe their damnation in hell.' He is a very rough spoken man, you know, and Dr. Farnsworth felt his cuts so sensibly that he said 'the people ought not to go to hear such a man preach.' Still they invite each other to the Lord's table, and partake of the elements together, just as though there were a perfect agreement between them. Mamma says that she thinks open communion, so-called, is a hobby to delude the people, and keep up a prejudice against the Baptists. Anyone can see that there is no consistency in abusing and accusing each other of teaching false doctrines, and then coming together to celebrate the Lord's Supper. By this they say to the world, 'Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity,' and yet there is no unity, nor do they dwell together. They publicly profess what does not exist. As they profess in communion that they dwell together in unity, why don't they bury their differences and all unite in one church organization? Baptists say, one Lord, one faith, and one baptism—hence, one church, or order of churches, and then, one communion table. Those who will not agree with them in this they leave to their own choice. They strive to obey the laws of Christ as they understand them and ask nothing of their opposers but to be left to follow their honest convictions of duty."

"Well, indeed," said Nannie, "I confess that you have greatly enlightened me on this subject. I never before saw the standpoint from which the Baptists look at the communion question; and I find that looking from different standpoints very materially changes the appearance of things. I must agree that the practice of the Baptists is entirely consistent with their faith in the premises. I never thought about membership and fellowship in the church, nor about unity of faith having anything to do with it, nor that open communion churches commune with those whom they will not live with, and who, if permitted, would not live with them. This is such a ridiculous absurdity that I

don't see why they have not abandoned it long ago. I, for one, will never again speak harshly of the Baptists for their restricted communion."

"I am right glad to hear you say so, Nannie," said Mellie, "and I wish that all others could arrive at the same conclusion. It would greatly advance the cause of religion if all attended strictly to their own business and let others alone. You girls in school a long time ago nicknamed me, you know; I did not like it then, but now I am proud of the honor of being called 'THE LITTLE BAPTIST.'"

"I do wish that all could agree and go along together. It would be so much better," said Nannie.

"I do with all my heart," replied Mellie. "Christ prayed that all His people might be ONE, and if they were only united, they would form a mighty host, before which infidelity and all the powers of evil would be bound to give way, and the knowledge of the Lord would soon cover the earth. It is the dissensions among Christians, begetting jealousies and envyings, that fosters the spirit of infidelity, and retards the conversion of the world. If all would unite upon the teachings of Christ and the apostles, the Baptists would stand in harmony with them, and strife would be at an end. Baptists are not to blame for the multiplicity of sects, for they believe all that the scriptures teach, and are willing to practice it. Others believe all that Baptists do, and if they would only stop there, we could all easily unite, but they will go beyond what is revealed in the Bible and teach 'for doctrines the commandments of men.' Then, because we will not follow them in these traditions, they turn upon us with the cry of 'bigotry,' 'selfishness' and 'close communion.' For instance, the scriptures teach that believers in Christ are proper subjects for baptism; Baptists say this, and other Christians agree with them. No one questions this position;—it is undisputed ground. But, then, others persist in teaching that unconscious infants are also proper subjects for baptism, and as Baptists cannot find authority for it in the Bible, they cannot agree to it. Again, all Christian denominations agree with the Baptists that immersion is scriptural or valid baptism. At least, they accept the immersed as scripturally baptized; and if they would only practice what all, in common, agree is right upon this point, there would be an end of controversy. But they go beyond this and practice forms that have neither example nor precedent in the Bible; hence Baptists object to them as infringements on the laws of Christ, and do not adopt them. If all would consent to only practice that for which a plain precept or example can be shown in the New Testament, then, as a band of soldiers in one common cause, we might go forward under the Savior's banner to conquest and victory."

"I am afraid," said Nannie, "that you attach too much importance to baptism. If it does not wash away sin, but consists only in the use of water as a ceremony, what difference can it make whether there is much or little water used?"

"The difference, Nannie," said Mellie, "is that Christ told us what to do, and went Himself down into the river Jordan, and gave us the example. Another very striking difference is in the design of the ordinance. Baptists use water, or perform the action in water, with an entirely dif-

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- 6 Note.
- 8 Halts.
- 9 Towels.
- 12 Sum total.
- 13 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a . . ." Matt. 13:47.
- 15 Pronoun.
- 16 Born again; a green tree (anag.).
- 19 Six metals are named in 31:22 of this Old Testament book.
- 21 He predicted that a famine would take place, Acts 11:28.
- 22 Naaman "bound two . . . of silver in two bags," 2 Kings 5:23.
- 23 "and two vessels of fine . . . precious as gold," Ezra 8:27.
- 24 In the rear.
- 28 Pharaoh's host "sank as . . . in the mighty waters," Ex. 15:10.
- 32 "and Jeremiah remained in the court of the . . ." Jer. 38:13.
- 36 "And Seth lived an hundred and five years, and begat . . ." Gen. 5:6.
- 38 Descendant of Judah, 1 Chron. 2:6.
- 39 Row.
- 40 Largest island in Europe.
- 45 Stibium.
- 46 Tellurium.
- 47 Army officer.

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OUR STATE MISSION POSSIBILITIES AND PROGRAM

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financial income of more than \$120,000,000.00, and a potential tithe of more than twelve million dollars per annum. Every Baptist leader should visualize these denominational resources. Such a vision will give courage and faith. All of these need to be used . . . and then we need to know that "it is not by might, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord."

These are facts we can know and understand. . . . Facts that we must know and understand and appreciate if we are to employ them as capital in the kingdom program. These facts are not too big for us to get hold of. We must know our numbers and take account of the individual unit in the equation. Then we will begin to value the worth of the individual member, or church, or association. Do you see the force of these facts? If we do and realize on them, we can build a Baptist Hospital every month in the year, and still many times multiply all of our work. We could endow a college every month in the year, and still many times multiply all of our work. This is not visionary. This is a practical application of the Christian spirit, our trained personnel, and a right use of our material resources. It is a standard by which we can take a measure of our Christian efforts.

Along with these facts let us get another vision. We have three hundred thousand members in our fifteen hundred churches. This is twenty army divisions! Now realize that we have two and one-half times this number not associated with any church in our state, and make no claims to interest in any church or religious work with Christian motives and ideals. Certainly it is time for Mississippi Baptists "to look on the fields already white unto harvest." All of our forces and agencies have a work to do.

A practically new application in our organized work is to employ the local association as a unit in our state mission programs. This means that the local or county association with its group of churches and trained personnel, banded together in a common purpose and effort, will attain certain goals within the particular area covered by the association. This is concrete and compact. This is practical and easily workable. This is within the vision of the whole church and all comprehensive.

The entire program of the church and the denomination may easily be practical to the entire associational leadership. A common goal within the group of churches is within the vision of the people. The advances made and the scope of the work are close enough to be an inspiration for group and individual effort. The contacts are close enough to develop Christian character and comradeship in a common cause. The associational unit is small enough to make an all inclusive program—the approved cooperative program—practical and appealing. The Christian effort is close enough to become contagious in all of our church units and a common interest grows. The co-operative program has such a variety of work and interest that a unified purpose is built and the returns are easily made permanent, and the church in the community life becomes the com-

BAPTIST INSTITUTIONS TO RECEIVE MAJOR PART OF MRS. BOTTOMS' ESTATE

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in proportionate amounts to seven particular objects sponsored by Southern Baptists.

She also gave several personal items from her Chinese collection to the Beech Street Baptist Church museum, and an air-conditioning unit to be used in the pastor's study.

The following bequests were made in the trust:

Mary Hardin Baylor College, Belton, Texas—\$5,000 as a contribution or addition to the Ellie Townsend fund for the education and maintenance, while receiving an education, of girls of Texas who need financial assistance in college, under the plan used by Mrs. Ellie Townsend.

Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.—\$10,000.

Buckners Orphan Home, Dallas, Texas—\$10,000.

Bottoms Orphans Home, Monticello, Ark.—\$25,000.

Central Baptist College, Conway, Ark.—\$5,000.

Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas—\$25,000 to be used to endow a chair of missions.

Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Ark.—\$10,000 as an endowment to help young ministers and worthy boys and girls in Arkansas, needing such assistance to obtain an education.

Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.—\$5,000 for work among the Jews.

Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, La.—\$10,000 as an endowment fund for the institute.

Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.—\$25,000 to carry on the work of Doctor Gaston's Hospital at Laechow-Pu, China, and the hospital at Ki-Feng China or such other work as the board deems wise and best.

Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., \$10,000 for interracial work in the south.

After the payment of these sums, the following shall receive proportions of the trust estate as directed by Mrs. Bottoms:

Buckners' Orphan Home, one eighth.

Bottoms Baptist Orphan Home, one eighth.

Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, one eighth.

Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, hospital in China, one eighth.

Baptist sanitariums in Arkansas, to be equally divided among them, one eighth.

Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., among Jews, one eighth.

Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., one fourth.

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Hazlehurst: The total offering to date for the Baptist Hospital is \$1,444.

munity center.

The leadership and resources of the stronger units (churches) find the associational field open for advancement and a program of missions, a Christian fellowship and church comradeship grow in unity of purpose and the churches are built up in the faith and the lost are won to Christ and trained in Christian service. The associational unit in our denominational organization has a definite place in our field of missions and church growth. Too, the entire program blends into a cooperative service and makes alive the mission of the church in the community and associational area. This is one of the basic factors in Christian missions, and in wholesome community building, and in satisfactory self government. Mississippi Baptists certainly have the key to a new era in Christian missions and a wholesome social order.

DR. DODD REPORTS

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sponse, nor have I ever seen more activity for a movement. Evangelistic conferences are being held everywhere—city-wide, associational, regional and state-wide. Schools of evangelism are being conducted in the churches. Wherever the proposed schedule has been followed, grand results are reported. The day of contrition, confession and consecration brought great victories to many individuals and churches, according to reports from all parts of the Convention territory. A census has been taken in thousands of communities. All of this is heartening to a high degree.

And yet, I realize that there are many, many of our people who do not feel the responsibility of this task. And there are many churches behind schedule on an "all-church-school of evangelism," and on taking a census. These are important and imperative things and should be done at the earliest possible moment. No church can achieve its fullest results which does not take a census and conduct a school of evangelism.

February is the time for pastors and churches to complete their plans for their evangelistic meetings. The date for the meetings should be set and the help secured. Associational moderators should call a conference of all their pastors and plan for meetings in churches which had no baptism last year, or which have not the initiative or vitality to provide for themselves. Here is where the committee on evangelism should function. They should provide also for extension meetings in churchless communities. We want 15,000 of these. That will be an average of sixteen extension meetings for each district association. We must reach every community and every individual with the good news of God's gospel of grace in Jesus Christ.

We want monthly reports on (1) number of confessions of faith, and (2) number baptized. On Monday following the last Sunday, the pastor or evangelistic committee should report to the associational moderator, or committee, who should tabulate the reports, and then report to the state director or executive secretary: (1) number of churches reporting; (2) number confessions, (3) number baptisms. The state director should report to the general director by the 10th.

Pastoral, personal and perennial evangelism is the highest ideal for the fullest and most permanent results. We must get it forever out of our minds that evangelism means only a sporadic effort once a year, with imported help, to win some souls to the Saviour. Exangelism is an all-year responsibility of the whole church. Members going out each week, two by two, in search of the lost sheep and bringing them in on the Lord's day is the divine ideal. And expository preaching or expounding in all the Scriptures the things concerning Christ is the divinely appointed plan for the preacher's part. May we not say that this is the New Testament method for evangelizing the world, and, therefore, should be the "Southern Baptist type of evangelism."

I am deeply concerned about the cities and churches which have set

ANSWERS TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE

(Feature on Page Twelve)

1. (Ruling against gossip): Leviticus 19:16, reads, "Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people; neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbor; I am the Lord." Also in Proverbs 26:22, "The words of a talebearer are as wounds."

2. (How the Bible explains atmospheric changes): The answer is found in Genesis 8:22, reading: "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."

3. (Bible character who prayed a long time): Daniel was the believer in the power of prayer, and in Daniel 6:10, it reads: "He kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed." Read the entire verse. It will inspire you to follow his example.

4. If someone asked you why you. It originated in the early time, as a worshipful ceremony to the Egyptian goddess Isis. A palm tree with twelve shoots was used, each shoot representing each of the twelve months of the year. As time went on, in northern climates, the association of the palm tree, and its celebration of December 25, was modified by the substitution of a fir tree.

THE LITTLE BAPTIST

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ferent design from all others. Somebody is wrong—somebody is unscripturally baptized; first, in the mode or action, and secondly, in the design. A wrong design must destroy the validity of the ordinance, as well as a wrong mode. Therefore, if the Baptists are right as to design and mode, all others are wrong; but if others are right as to design and mode, then the Baptists are wrong, and hence unscripturally baptized."

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Brother John W. Lowe sends us an earnest appeal for more generous giving to World Relief on the part of Southern Baptists. He writes in part as follows: "World Relief, it seems to me, must be recognized as one of the major problems confronting our churches today, and therefore one of our major tasks. The providing of funds for feeding and clothing destitute millions should have precedence in our donations. More givers and greater gifts must be secured immediately, or we shall be inexcusably reprehensible before God and suffering humanity. War, want and winter won't wait!"

Chaplain (Captain) Warren E. Ferguson has been awarded the Purple Heart in addition to the Silver Star which was mentioned in the January 4 issue of The Baptist Record. He is now in a hospital (supposedly in England) with a knee wound. He does not expect any permanent complications. Friends may address him as follows: Chaplain (Capt.) Warren E. Ferguson, 026423, Det. Pats. 4124 Hospital Plant, A. P. O. 519, New York, N. Y.

their special meetings for next fall, lest they should linger and lag along expecting to do their soul winning at that time and then come up lacking at the end of the year. NOW is the time to begin winning souls. It is late already for some.

YS GERMANS RESTRICT WAR PRISONER WORK BY CHAPLAINS

London (By Wireless to RNS)—Chaplain in some prisoner of war camps in Germany have been unable "to do anything in the way of religious ministrations," Methodist Chaplain Albert Hullah, holder of the Military Cross, told reporters here.

Repatriated from Germany after four years spent in internment camps, Chaplain Hullah reported that he had the greatest difficulty in getting chaplains out of officers' camps into men's camps where they were "both needed and sought."

One German commandant, he recalled, forbade him to preach because he refused to submit his sermon to censorship. Hullah overcame this difficulty by asking the German interpreter if, instead of preaching sermons he could comment on scripture lessons. "No objection was raised," he said.

BR HIS STAR OF GOLD

The day he heard his country's call
He went so clean, so fine, so true,
For us he gave his very best—his all,
We placed for him the star of blue.

He was a soldier strong and brave,
Let future ages this unfold,
His valiant life for us he gave,
We place for him the Star of Gold.

We hear his message loud and clear,
He speaks to us today,
Remember well the things so dear,
They must not, they shall not pass away."

To us, the living, falls the task,
In death he leaves undone,
For earthly ease we cannot ask,
'Til victory, victory's forever won.

Like the blazing noon-day sun,
His star for us shall ever shine,
'Til victory, victory has been won,
And peace on earth again is mine.

WEBB BRAME.

BR CHAPLAIN RICHARDSON NOW STATIONED AT LONGVIEW, TEXAS

Chaplain James C. Richardson (Major) has recently reported for duty with the 233rd General Hospital in Longview, Texas. Recently he has been on duty at the Station Hospital, Camp Blanding, Fla. He is now the senior chaplain of the 233rd G. H. Chaplain Richardson has four sons, all are in the service. Two of them are officers—one in the infantry and the other in the air corps. The other two are enlisted men. Before he was called into active duty he served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Poplarville. Mrs. Richardson is at present residing in Gainesville, Fla. She was formerly Maggie Bland, of D'Lo, Miss.

BR HOSPITAL DORMITORY NAMED FOR MISS LACKEY

Designation of the recently constructed Education Building and Freshman Nurses Dormitory at the Baptist Hospital as the "Margaret McRae Lackey Memorial" was announced Sunday by the Board of Trustees. Action of the board was in recognition of Miss Margaret McRae Lackey of Jackson, who for many years served as secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union of Mississippi Baptists, and later was associated with the Baptist Hospital.



MISS MARGARET LACKEY
Greatly Beloved Mississippi Baptist Woman Honored by Mississippi Baptist Hospital Board of Trustees

Before mortals, grand vistas spread their alluring mirages, banked with realities, a proper evaluation of which determines the difference between success and failure. Tenure on God's footstool is commensurable not with years, but with deeds.

In the life of Margaret McRae Lackey there was, and continues to be, a vision real, practicable and attainable, presenting to the keen eye the certainties of today, and to an unflinching faith the promises of tomorrow.

As a young girl she aligned herself with the forces of righteousness, and through the long, eventful years following she never had cause to regret it. Unswayed by popular trends, ever motivated by the eternal verities of God's Word, she has grown in beauty and grace till today she is Mississippi's best loved woman. Hers has been a life worthwhile. Possessed of a fine intellect, wonderful poise, rare sense of humor and a kindly disposition, her understanding of weightier matters

caused her to become a leader in God's cause and a veritable "Mother in Israel."

Miss Lackey rejoices in the success of friends, is utterly devoid of jealousy, bickering and hate, is a ministering angel in time of trouble. Living in the lives of many, spending her days in usefulness, smoothing rough pathways, brightening dark corners, radiating happiness, instilling hope, at all times she proves herself a sympathetic listener, a wise counselor, and a saint whose prayers avail much.

In memorializing a distinguished person, the memorial should be fitting for the life it is to perpetuate. Such a life is that of Margaret McRae Lackey and the Mississippi Baptist Hospital, where she did so much for the distressed of heart and body is an institution that can well afford to honor itself and pay tribute to this noble character. Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the trustees of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital in regular session, this, the ninth day of January, 1945, that the Educational Building and Freshman dormitory of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital be known as the Margaret McRae Lackey Memorial, and that appropriate services be held in dedicating this build-



These are Margaret Fund students now enrolled at Blue Mountain. They are daughters of missionaries. Standing left to right: Emily Ware, China, now living in Tupelo; Laurella Owen,

Palestine, now at Clanton, Alabama; Betty Jane Sullivan, Brazil, now at Sharon, Tennessee. Seated left to right: Louise Freeman, Argentina; Cita Harris, China, now living at Clinton.

CIRCULATION STILL GROWING

A Gain of 191 for the Week

CIRCULATION THIS WEEK . . . 48,234

STEWARDSHIP REPORT SAYS CHURCH GIVING LOW COMPARED WITH NATIONAL INCOME

Hillsdale, Mich.—(RNS)—Although contributions of Protestants in the U. S. and Canada to local church expenses and to church missions show an increase for the fourth consecutive year, and the total amount is the largest since 1931, the giving is low in proportion to the national income, according to the 25th annual report compiled by Dr. Harry S. Myers for the United Stewardship Council.

Dr. Myers pointed out that while the giving of 23 major denominations, with a membership of more than 26,000,000 exclusive of infants has increased from \$299,416,781 to \$441,868,327 in ten years, the national income has risen in this same period from 48 billion to 140 billion.

"Our giving in proportion to our income," Dr. Myers observed, "has taken a great fall. It is less in proportion than one half as much as it was."

BR EIGHTY-TWO YEARS YOUNG

"Enclosed I am returning the money order. Please use it to renew for some aged man or woman who is unable to pay for renewal. Some worthy one who is not able to pay. I will soon be 82 years young myself, but the Lord has been good to me. Yes, I had forgotten and thought possibly the label on the paper could be wrong and I didn't want to be in arrears."

Sincerely,

"MRS. LEO H. MCKEE,
"Rt. 2, Calhoun City, Miss."

(Editor's note: She sent her renewal when she had several months unexpired time. When we returned the check she wrote the above letter.)

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Watch for the "Buddy Envelope Plan"! It may be a secret now, but it will be divulged soon!

This "Buddy Envelope Plan"—what is it, anyway? Keep your eyes open as it will be coming your way soon.

Rev. H. H. Ward, Mississippian, now pastor at Grand Bay, Ala., writes: "The work here is moving along fine, the budget was well over paid and the new one is exactly twice as much as the one in '43 when I came here. We had 56 additions last year, 36 of them for baptism. The services were well attended Sunday with one profession in the evening service. Many came back for the watch service. Already it seems that we have caught the spirit of evangelism. Pray for us here on the coast."

On Sunday, January 7, the First Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of the pastorate of Dr. J. M. Dawson and his wife, Willie Turner Dawson, L. L. D.

Moderator O. O. Davis of the Marion County Association called the pastors together. After proper discussion, it was decided that each pastor and church would take an offering for the hospital. This is splendid cooperation.

ing to this great and good woman, and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be furnished The Baptist Record and the local press that the public may know the esteem in which Miss Lackey is held by this body, and that a copy be forwarded Miss Lackey, that she may know the love we bear her and her wonderful work.

(Note: The above resolutions were passed by the trustees unanimously.)